

From the President...



Seasons Greetings!

It is hard to believe that the first half of the curling year has come and gone. I guess time really does fly when you are having fun.

The news is all pretty good. We've had some challenges meeting some of our targets, especially on the bookkeeping conversion, but we've made steady progress and we will eventually get where we want to be.

The ice continues to be fantastic, thanks to Ryan and Greg. And for those of you who are wondering about the plastic on the side of sheet 6, those who know assure me that it is not a major concern. We are in the process of figuring out what happened.

The bar has done well and should set a new record for sales in December, thanks to the all of the celebrations so far and the New Years Eve gala that StoneHouse Hall has organized. We have been so busy that we have hired two more bartenders and now have eight. They do a wonderful job and we are lucky to have them.

Looking forward, Kelli and her team are in party planning mode. The Club will be 150 years old in 2026! The Board wants to celebrate. Kelli is looking for good ideas and for volunteers to help with the planning. If you are interested, I'm sure she would love to hear from you.

We are back on the ice on January 2nd. Until then, on behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Holiday Season and all the best for 2025.

David





Strategy Clinic a Success, November 30th

The survey results are in, and the strategy clinic on November 30 led by Dave Levecque and Bryan Northey was declared excellent. Dave put together an informative presentation and handouts, with Bryan adding his input on the sample scenarios. The three different types of strategy – protecting (defence), pursuing (offence) and probing were discussed, as well as factors that influence strategy, and how to play to your team's strengths. The sample scenario discussion was lively among the 27 participants, and illustrated curlers have different opinions of what shot to do, and in most cases, there are options - giving up one point, instead of trying a crazy shot and giving them more points if it doesn't work out, or letting them have the one point so your team has hammer in the 8 th end.

Thank you to Dave and Bryan for giving their time. Pauline Orpwood



2024-2025 SEASON

Practice Ice is available during these times: (subject to change)

- · Most Wednesdays, 12 pm to 2:30 pm
- Thursdays, 8:15 pm to 9:00 pm
- Fridays, 9:30 am to 11:30 pm
- Sundays, 1 pm to 3 pm

Always check club calendar to confirm times

Please be courteous to fellow curlers! Share your sheet when you are able. Limit your time on the ice to 30 minutes to allow others to practice as well.

Practice ice is not meant for make up games! To make up a game, contact your league section head to arrange a time.













Welcome to our newest sponsors!

PCC welcomes Andrew Galvin and Barbara Battaglia, Brokers for The Galvin Team, Royal LePage. Andrew (with his partner Barbara (also pictured on the ad on the Sheet 6 scoreboard)- is a member of PCC and plays in the Friday Afternoon Mixed league.



Wheelchair Curling Program



The wheelchair curling program in Peterborough is growing by leaps and bounds as we now have 13 players with two youth and 2 new LTC participants this year. Under the able guidance of Ruth Epping and Don Fleming we have been able to enter two teams in the Peterborough Sticks Stones and Wheelchair spiel as well as in the Toronto Open Wheelchair Curling Bonspiel in late November (pictures below). Eleven teams participated in the Toronto spiel including Canada and the USA's National and Developmental teams and the Korean National Veterans team. In Pool A, team Bax comprised of Carl Bax, Joanne Berdan, Stuart Houlahan, and Martha Gustafason(Toronto Cricket, Curling and Skating Club) while losing all their games in Round Robin play came through when it counted most by winning the two games in the consolation round to take first place. Meanwhile in Pool B team Denys composed of players Alec Denys ,Dan Flint, Tony Moreau, and Neave Alderson placed second in the round robin round behind Jon Thurston of Team Canada and lost in an exciting extra end game to Korea in the Bronze medal match. A great showing for Peterborough and a harbinger of greater things to come.













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- 🎬 Lights, Camera, Trivia! Relive the 80s & 90s TV Magic! 🎬
- ate: Friday, January 17th, 2025
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Highschool Curling 2024-25

The Highschool league started league games at PCC on Tuesday December 3rd from 3:30-5:30 with ten teams. There are five girls teams: St. Peters, Holy Cross, Adam Scott, Adam Scott JV, and Crestwood. The five boys teams are St. Peter's, St. Peter's (Mixed), Holy Cross, Adam Scott, and Crestwood. There are seven league games with playoffs scheduled for Feb. 25th and March 4th. In total there are 45 high school players in the league (36 new to PCC, with 9 from the Sunday junior program run by Enzo Tarantino).

League Convenors Joe Muldoon and Brad Robinson would like to thank all the volunteers who assisted high school players learn the game in the first four weeks of the league including: Lynne Cook, Rob Fancy, Dave Levecque, Liz McDannold, and Enzo Tarantino, Thanks also go out to the high school coaches without whom the league would not be possible: Nathalie McDermott (Holy Cross), Lynne Milette-Carroll (St. Peter's), Steve Carroll (St. Peter's), Kelli O'Connell (Crestwood), Tim Bethune (Crestwood), Melissa Hennig (Adam Scott), and Brad Robinson (Adam Scott).









SPEEDING UP THE GAME! KEY WAYS TO KEEP THE GAME MOVING AND TO PLAY ALL 8 ENDS

5 MINUTES



Be ready to go on the ice 5 minutes before your game is to start. This allows for handshakes, warm-up slides and the coin toss!

ROCK READY!



If your teammate has to get their slider on, or your skip is coming down the ice, get the rock out for them while you're waiting.

HACK IT!



As soon as the opposing player has released their stone, the next player to throw should move quickly to the hack. Clean the rock and set up so when your skip takes control of the house, you're ready to throw.

LEAD ON



At the beginning of an end, if you do not have hammer, your lead should NOT help to put the rocks away. Instead, the lead should find their first rock, get in the hack, clean their rock and be prepared to throw as soon as the skip is at the other end.

OUT OF ORDER



Rocks do NOT need to be put away in order Simply putting the rocks neatly in the corners and not worrying about number order saves A LOT of time! If you are compulsive about putting rocks away in order, skips can help by putting rocks that are out of play in their appropriate place as the end progresses.

STAY FOCUSED



Skips must stay focused on the next shot and not be chatting with the opposing skip or players on adjacent sheets.

Re use and Recycle your brush heads!

If you've recently replaced your brush head and you have one that is still in good useable condition, please consider cleaning it and donating it to the club. We have lots of Juniors, Learn to Curlers and Social Curlers that don't have brooms and depend on using the house ones. These brooms could use a refurbish! Donated brush heads can be placed in the cupboard where we house the sliders and brooms.



Stop the Drips!Fix the Roof!

It is almost tax season (again!)

While we all know that the roof has been fixed, we had to dip into our reserves to cover the full cost. A donation to the roof fund will help the club to build back the reserve fund. The fund will be closed as at Dec 31, 2024 so the time is winding down for you to donate and receive a tax receipt for your donation. Thank you for considering making a donation to the roof fund. For further information or to make a donation, please click on the link below.

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Sunday Juniors



Our juniors from our club are progressing really well and some are even going to bonspiels outside our club. On December 14 we had young girls teams in Uxbridge bonspiel. We also have more bonspiels coming up in the new year in Campbellford and Fenelon Falls where we might have teams from our club competing. We also have our own junior bonspiel here in Peterborough on January 11 which is run by Rob McDannold and volunteers. We have been forming young competitive teams and they have been practicing to get them ready for Curl Ontario events in the future. We do have a U18 girls competitive team participating in Curl Ontario events at the moment and recently they went to the provincial qualifiers in Penetanguishene where they finished with a respectable 2 wins and 2 loss record. They are Katie Payne, Maddy Nolan, Jolene Payne and Maddy Bethune.

We just had our annual Christmas battle of the family bonspiel on Sunday December 15. This bonspiel is made up of families vs other families and they have a lot of fun. We had 2 draws with 3 ends each game and breakfast between games. We held a raffle where \$300.00 from the proceeds will go to the local food bank.

A big thank you to all the volunteers helping out with the kids this year. Thanks to Tim Bethune, Rob Fancy, Ruth Epping, Rob and Liz McDannold, Chrissy McDannold, Dave Levecque, Sean and Karen Auger, Brian Kelly, Kristy Wuorisalo and Lynne Cook. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!!







Novice League

Novice League curlers have been busy improving their curling skills. On November 17, seven volunteers came out to give instruction to our members to help us improve our curling skills. Curlers rotated through three stations: slide out and release, sweeping, and skipping. Feedback was positive and Novice curlers noticeably improved in these areas. Much thanks to Ruth Epping, Alec Denys, Joan Smith, Bryan Northey, Kim McLeod, Dave Levecque, and Gord Schmidt.

On December 15, we ended our fall season with a festive fun night using wacky rules to score. Curlers dressed in red and green and we enjoyed visiting and eating pizza and veggies afterwards. Julie

Junior Competitive Curling

Could this be the next generation of competitive curlers to represent our club from our junior section. The 4 girls competed in their first bonspiel in Uxbridge recently placing a very respectable fourth place. A come from behind win in their first game had them playing in the "A" game for the championship. They had a bit of trouble with a strong team from Uxbridge.

The girls exceeded coach Dave's expectations and he is excited about the future of our Junior Competitive Curlers. Stay tuned for more from our juniors that will be competing in several spiels

in the new year.



Front row Quinn Buchner(lead)Lochlan Reid(second), Back row Dave Levecque(coach)Everleigh Reid(vice)Isla Maccorckindale(skip)





Friday Afternoon Mixed

The FAM Christmas Dinner was well attended on Friday Dec 20 in Stonehouse hall, following our regularly scheduled curling. Many thanks to all who made contributions for Kawartha Food Share. In the spirit of the season, there was plenty of laughter, music and good cheer for all in attendance. We were entertained with seasonal music by the "Balladeers" and the finale was a FAM sing-a-long rendition of Auld Lang Syne. December 20 ends the fall FAM schedule and we will resume on Friday January 3, 2025 at 1pm. Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy holiday season.

Mary



Janet Schmidt, Ed Gilson, Deb Gilson



Christina Welton, Lori Clark, Lynn O'Connor, Juaneta Henderson



Tim and Pauline Orpwood







Kathy Burns, Ruth Epping, Patti Watson, Kathryn Hunsberger, Carol Beland



Joan Smith



Carol Terry, Chick MacLoghlin, Pete MacLoghlin





Monday Ladies Night

The Monday Night Ladies night league is now entering their second draw with their new teams. The league had their annual Christmas center piece workshop night. Griffins Greenhouse and their instructors provided everything we needed to create our pieces.

We are gearing up to host our annual bonspiel on Saturday March 1st. Mark your calendars and join us for great curling and great fun.





Friday Evening Mixed

Wishing your holidays are filled with fun and laughter. Sending holiday cheer from the Friday Evening Mixed League!

See you back on the ice January 3, 2025!

- Krista & Ian







Rob Fancy



Bruce Thompson, Pearl Dixon



Senior Men

The Senior Men's team league is in full swing with 24 teams playing in two full draws. With a number of 5 men teams on the roster it is a bit easier to find spares. The men are playing a full round robin draw after which we will head into a three division 3 game playoffs. The round robin draw is more popular than the division play as one gets to play all the teams in the league.

Meanwhile the senior men's tag is doing well with 30 to 45 players participating in the Monday, Wednesday and Friday games. We are very please to have a good contingent of ladies joining us every Monday for co-ed tag.



We held our fall funspiel on November 13th with 10 players participating. The two game overall winners were the team skipped by Alec Denys with teammates RobinMaughan, Brad Griffiths and Scott McKinlay. The one game high winners were the team skipped by Joe Myerswith teammate Boyce Orr, Murray Thompson and Brian Kent.

Senior Men's section enjoyed their Christmas Funspiel with 64 curlers, two draws of two-games each and a turkey lunch with all the fixings.



First draw overall winner - Dave Levecque's team with Jeff Guilbeault, Warren Dunlop and Bill McKnight. First draw high one-game winner - Enzo Tarantino team with Ron Essex, Patrick Clancy, Terry McCuaig and Gord Schmidt (absent). Second draw overall winner - Barry Donaldson team with Michel Godmaire, Boyce Orr and Greg Lucking. Second draw one-game high winner - John Cameron team with Dave Clarke, Rob Edington and Robin Maughan.













Ladies Section

Tuesday League players are halfway through Round 2 with the last game ending Jan. 7. Thursday players are finishing their round robin play on Feb.6. If you would like an extra game try Monday Tag curling at 9:30.

The Social Committee is busy planning a Festive Holiday Celebration. After fun curling, and lunch we will have a silent auction bake sale to support Kawartha Foodshare.

Our Fun Spiel on Nov. 19 was loads of fun. Ten teams participated.

The winners: 1st Place: Lynne Cooke, Janet Schmit, Lyne Edington, Bev Ringrose. 2nd Place: Angela Woods, Deb MacEwen, Marie Ditner. 3rd Place Tie- Ruth Epping, Freda Latour, Sally Vesey, Wendy Brooks. 3rd Place Tie- Melanie Brown, Cathy Sandy, Doreen Anderson, Liz McDannold









Teams have been representing our club at area bonspiels. Congratulations to all players! Jane Pollock, Liz McDannold, Christa Myers, and Pat Bennett placed first in their draw at Ennismore. Lori Clark, Pearl Dixon, Maureen Harris-Lowe and Anne Beckett-MacNeill placed second at Ennismore.











Ladies Section continued...

PCC hosted the area ladies' Interclub game in November. Thanks to Julie for organizing and to Bev, Barb, Kristen, Lyne, Pauline, Marg and Helen for playing!



Leads and Seconds had a great time playing tumbleweed at Lakefield CC. Thank you to Marnie and Kathy for organizing and to Tina, Bev Shannon, Rose, Bev and Kristen for playing.



In the new year, we will be launching a Lunch and Learn Series. Players will sign up for exciting topics such as directional sweeping, strategy, weight control, angle shots and anything else you would like to know. After a bite of lunch and discussion we will go on the ice to try things out!

Our January 8 Snowflake Bonspiel, "Wickedly Oz" has sold out! We will be drawing names from the PCC Ladies team submissions on December 19, for the spots held for them. The sponsors this year are John Mazziotti, IG Private Wealth Management, and Mara Cook, Century 21 United Realty Inc., along with Stonehouse Hall.

Happy Holidays, Jane









Thursday Adult Learn to Curl

The 43 Thursday LTC'ers have had nine weeks of instruction. It is amazing to see how well they have improved from the first few weeks. They now have good balance during their delivery and have mastered sweeping, including calling out the weight of the rock. (Yes, it's still a guess, but that's the way it is even if you have curled for decades.) They are an enthusiastic group, with many coming early each week to take advantage of the half-hour of practice ice before the league begins.

Basic strategy and etiquette lessons began three weeks ago, and again, it is awesome how well our curlers have done understanding the shot options during game play. The etiquette theatre night between the bad boys and girl, and the good girls was a big hit. The play highlighted where to stand or not stand, how to walk down the ice on the sidelines, keeping the game moving along, and fair play. In many instances the curlers were pointing out what the bad boys' team was doing wrong before the narrator had a chance to

point out the poor etiquette. A big shout out to Jennifer Lewis, who the LTC curlers decided deserved an Oscar for best acting. Jennifer was on the bad boys team, and certainly took her role seriously demonstrating very bad etiquette - walking down the middle of the ice after sweeping, giving her opinion of what should be called to the

skip for several minutes, distracting the good girls players while throwing, delaying the game talking to her team mates about all sorts of things except the game, and... the list goes on and on.

When we are back to curling in January after the holiday break, a review of delivery and sweeping will take place, as well as more strategy instruction. Games will then begin to be played to prepare the curlers for their LTC bonspiel on February 8. The bonspiel is always a highlight for the LTC curlers, and is an opportunity for the Thursday gang to meet the Sunday LTC group.

If you are looking for a spare for a game, remember these new curlers. The more they experience regular league curling, the better they become as curlers and PCC members. Season's Greetings.

Bryan Northey and Pauline Orpwood



Left to right...Graeme Pickett, Katie fowler, Pierre Martin, Adam Pickett, Andrew fletcher, Melanie daw, Katelyn Warner



Katie Fowler with Dave Stevenson



Sunday Adult Learn to Curl

The first half of the season for this edition of Sunday LTC wrapped up with some team games and a draw to the button competition. Team Green - Will Simon, Donna Masters, Beth Hunt and Desmond Hickie - were the big winners and earned a beverage of choice from the bar. The draw to the button was won by Beth Hunt, followed closely by Will Simon and in third Jeff Gibson. Some of that great StoneHouse Hall pizza was enjoyed by all as part of the holiday celebration.

Everyone is looking forward to the new year when we'll continue playing games and honing skills in the ramp up to the LTC Bonspiel on February 8.

A big thankyou to those members who take time out of their Sunday to teach the course, it doesn't happen with out you!

Kim



Open Doubles

This has to be one of the most casual leagues at the Club. You just never know who is going to be playing! There have been lots of spares this season which is great, it has allowed many new players to experience this fun, fast and interesting version of the game. There is a whole different strategy that goes with throwing just five rocks and it's a great way to work on draw weight and angles.

At the recent Ennismore Doubles Spiel – 5 PCC teams took part with the team of Alec Denys and Carl Bax winning the second draw – Congratulations!

We'll be back on the ice on January 5 - if you are interested in trying it out put your name on the spare list or drop me a line.

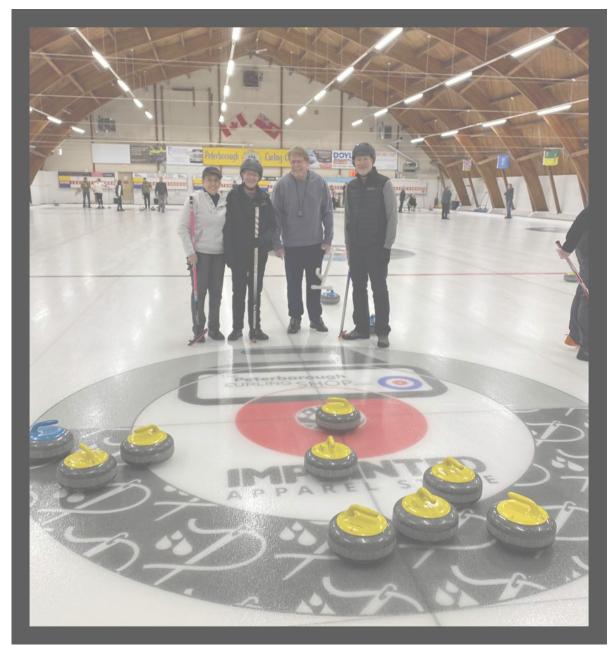
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Friday Evening Mixed - Eight Ender!

It was an exciting Friday night, December 6th, for Team Watson at PCC! In the second end of their game, they scored an Eight Ender! Congratulations Jim Watson (Skip), Debora Rolls (Vice), Rob MacDonald (Sparing in the Second position) and Julie MacDonald (sparing in the Lead position). Well done!





Liftlocker Funspiel, Holiday Edition...

Another year, another Liftlocker Funspiel in the books! This year the theme was Christmas and everyone came dressed for the occasion. Team Merry Mischief Makers won the best costume with their cheeky elves, and there were lots of fabulous ugly Christmas sweaters in the crowd! Everyone had a blast between wacky scoring games doing trivia and Liftlocker Olympics - all Christmas themed of course! Curlers enjoyed some festive drinks at the bar with eggnog and sangria to keep them hydrated for their second game. At the end of the day, it was Team Woodham who came out on top (Eli Woodham, Jesse Woodham, Corinne Jones, Ed Baraniecki), Team Yee in second place (Mario Yee, Leslie Yee, Matt Yee, Sarah Murphy), and Team Northey in third place (Bryan Northey, Heather Casey, Melanie Brown, Phil Giroux).

Thank you to all who came out to the spiel and had a good time. All proceeds went directly back to the club! :)

Emilie











From our Ice Maker...

Hello to all.

I appreciate your patience during the early stage of the season while dealing with the chlorine fiasco. I believe we all shared a great sigh of relief when that cleared up and everything got back to a more normal condition.

During the holiday closure, there will be a flood to reset and re-level the ice. To counter the loss of curl the rocks will be textured. But remember that the fresh texture curls like the Dickens. So remember to put some extra turn on your shots until the fresh texture breaks down a little bit.

Also, many of you will have noticed that I am participating more this season. I'm playing one to three times a week with the morning tag groups and have a team in both the Friday night mix and Sunday doubles. I'm doing this for two reasons.

The first is to experience the ice at various times throughout the week to better understand the fluctuations in my product alongside all of you in hopes to provide a more decent and playable condition. (And maybe gain a better understanding of why you people seem to enjoy this game so much.)

The second has to do with my antisocial personality. While I'm not trying to make friends, I am trying to be more friendly. I'm sorry to those I may have offended, for what ever reason it may be, and I make no promises to not offend anyone else. But I am truly trying to be a better part of the crowd in spite of my natural instincts. Most of you make it easy and for that I thank you.

Happy Holidays Ryan

P.S.

There are eight clips to hang sticks on and 11 hooks to hang stabilizers on at the away end. There is also the racks and now shelf space at the home end. There is plenty of room for you to put the club provided equipment away when you're done using it. It's frustrating to have to pick up after a bunch of adults. So if you kids can't put away your toys I'm going to throw them away and then there will be no toys to play with.

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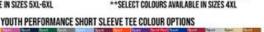


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Casino Bonspiel

Where the House Always Wins!

The casino bonspiel was not just about curling for points, but also getting a good poker hand to earn extra points after each game. There were also casino off-ice games (dice, blackjack, plinko and darts) letting teams earn additional points towards the Final VIP Table (or more accurately horse stable). A very crazy horse race took place for three lucky teams – Team Leahy, Team Levecque and Team Fuchs. Leahy came in first, Levecque came from behind to place second (not sure how this happened as the team's horse seemed to want to run backwards as often as it ran forwards), and Fuchs came up the rear to finish third.

The winners of the curling portion of the bonspiel were: 1st - Glen Hannah, Alana Hannah, Shannon Leahy, Derrick Leahy; 2nd - Dave Levecque, Carolyn Hoy, Michael Maccorkindale, Nancy Hogg; 3rd - Oliver Fuchs, Angela Fuchs, Kirk Hannah, Kristine Hannah.

The raffle table had a good selection of items with some donated by club members. Many were casino related, with others being into the social side of a casino (booze!). One of the curlers sent a thank you email which sums up how great the day was. "Thanks very much for organizing the Casino Spiel yesterday. It was a wonderful event with good pacing, excellent food, fun activities, and plenty of the usual PCC shenanigans. We had the pleasure of playing (against) the team from Lakefield and they were delightful. I'm sure they will be taking an excellent report back to their clubmates, as they seemed to be taken by our club's facilities, warm welcome from our members, and of course the wonderfully fun day we all shared. I think you will see them back sometime!

I really cannot think of anything that I would change about the day, so look forward to seeing the Casino Spiel on the roster again in future. Please extend my thanks and congratulations to the rest of the organizing team."

Thank you to Emilie Metcalfe, Pauline Orpwood, Linda Burke and Brad Reid for helping throughout the day. The profit from the bonspiel went to PCC's capital asset fund. Bryan Northey











When your team is in possession of rocks (your team is throwing) - the other team should be standing between the hogs line except the skip (and or Vice) of opposing team. No one should be behind the hack lines at anytime except whomever is getting ready to throw next or just finished throwing.



Editors Note

I hope you've found this edition of Rock Talk interesting! I thank all of the people who have submitted pictures and articles! Don't forget, if you see something of interest around the club, please send me the details and pictures so that we can share with our members and promote this great curling community. As I can't be everywhere, I trust you will help keep me informed!

I would like to thank Cindy Reid for her help in making our submissions to the Peterborough Examiner and Thank you to Pauline Orpwood for her help with photos and giving advice.

Reminder that we are holding a Saturday Social/Try Curling night on January 4th. Email me at marketing@peterboroughcurlingclub.ca to reserve your spot! There are a few spots left.



PCC's 150th anniversary is coming up in 2026! I am looking to form a committee to organize some club events to commemorate the anniversary. If you have some time and this interests you, please let me know! I'd like to get planning started early in the new year, as these things take time. Ideas gratefully accepted!

Remember, our club has great sponsors... please support them when you have the opportunity! Without their generous support, we would not be a viable curling club!

Thank you also, to all of our volunteers who work tirelessly to keep our club active and thriving! YOU ROCK!

Have a safe and happy holiday season! Here's to 2025 and a great continuation to the curling season!

Kelli





Thank you for reading! Happy: Holidays!