

First Rock Talk of the new curling season, hello to all!

Our Open House is
September 25th
from
6:00 - 8:00pm.

Come out for
dinner from
5:00-7:00pm
on the menu are:
Pulled BBQ
Chicken on a
Rustic Bun, Potato
Salad, Garden
Salad, Pickle Tray,
Veg Tray, Assorted
Desserts, Tea and
Coffee.

Cost is \$15.00
(tax and gratuity
included)

The bar will be
open!



Club Clothing Line

Look great on and off the ice with the new Club clothing line from Imprinted Apparel. Wouldn't it be great looking like a team when you travel to other clubs for spiels and inter-club games? All items are embroidered with our club logo. Available now for viewing in the window of our club office and orders can be taken at The Imprinted Apparel Store on the Kingsway now or at any time throughout the season.

The good people at Imprinted Apparel have offered the clothing at a great price to the club as a fundraiser and we are passing some of that on to you the members. All clothing is offered to you at 10% off the retail price and includes the embroidering and for only \$5 more you can have your name added as well.

Clothing will be on display during the AGM and available for orders during our Open House when they bring their road show to the club. See the poster attached to this email, for the complete line.

Ladies Section:

What do warm days and cool evenings bring? Yes, Curling! It is already on the TV and we will all be on the ice before we know it. Welcome to all returning members. Also a big welcome to new members and those who wish to join the Ladies Section. Presently our league has two days to choose from, Tuesday mornings is a Draw League and Thursday Mornings is a Team Entry League.

The Ladies Opening of fun curling and lunch will be held Tuesday October 10th starting at 9:15. Membership will be contacting you with more information concerning Opening day.

Team Entry will start Thursday October 12th and League play will start Tuesday October 17th.

See you in October.

Krista Thompson, President

Letter From the President...

As the incoming President it is my pleasure to welcome past and new members to the Peterborough Curling Club.

The 2016/2017 season was our first full year after the board implemented the PCC's financial restructuring plan.

We need to take time to recognize and thank your board members, particularly your outgoing board members.

Rod Manley stepped into the Financial Directors role at a very crucial juncture. A new bookkeeper, bookkeeping system, change in our kitchen and bar management kept Rod very busy. In the process Rod recognized and spearheaded the need for a new auditor. Based on Rod's recommendation we have retained McColl Turner LLP as our new auditors. Unfortunately Rod has had to step away from the Peterborough Curling Club this year and felt it was best to relinquish his responsibilities. On behalf of the board and the membership I wish to acknowledge Rod's hard work and thank him very much.

Debbie Pollock has been another long-standing board member who has worked tremendously hard for you. In her role as Social Director Debbie has organized many theme dinners and kept the board up to date with various activities happening in the club. Furthermore, Debbie's contribution at our board meetings has been extremely valuable.

Brant Doyle represented the House and Bar. We'd like to thank Brant for the time he put in with the Board. Brant brought many good ideas to the board at a time when we were looking for change. Due to other commitments Brant has had to step away from the board. Thank you for your contributions.

Kevin Casselman continues to work very hard along with his wife, Kelli on our monthly newsletter "Rock Talk" and our website. This has been a gargantuan undertaking and needs to be recognized.

Glenn Hannah has been in charge of the ice for the past two years. Rhys was a virtual rookie two years ago and Glenn had to learn quickly. With Rhys' resignation we look forward to our new icemaker and hopefully Glenn's job will be a little less demanding.

Alana Hawks has done a tremendous job as Sections Heads Director. With her guidance we have been able to maintain strong communication between the board and the different sections.

Gord Page joined the board as property director. The building is getting older and there always seems to be something that needs repair. Gord has done a tremendous job upgrading and keeping the building open.

Finally I'd like to acknowledge the hard work of Rose Tallevi. As your Club President for the past two years Rose has worked tirelessly to make sure the club remains a going concern. The list of challenges and obstacles Rose has confronted and overcome is too large to list. Needless to say, without Rose's guidance these past two years, the club's future would not look as bright as it does today.

The past two years has been focussed on getting the club's financial status in order. During that time we have seen the membership numbers increase beyond expectation. This can largely be attributed to the success of our Learn to Curl program. Again, Kevin Casselman needs to be thanked for his contributions to this vital part of the club.

Kim MacDonald has taken over our kitchen and banquet facility. "The Stonehouse Hall" has been redecorated and Kim is working very hard to make sure it is fully booked. Entering into her second full year with the hall we look forward to the success Kim's hard work will reap.

From a board perspective this year will be focussed on restructuring the board as per our Reorganization Plan introduced a year ago. We want the board to be more reflective of the club, particularly the revenue generating aspects of the club. Our goal is to increase membership participation through committee participation.

Committee participation is different than board membership. Our aim is to find people who maybe don't feel qualified or have the time to be immersed in the club. As a committee member you'll be able to contribute in a manner that is more conducive to your time and ability.

The challenge with a club versus a business is operating to break even rather than try to be profitable. In order to keep our membership fees as low as possible we really need the help and support of all our members. Hopefully you will be able to find some way of assisting the club and your fellow members.

As we enter into the 2017/2018 curling season I am excited to be assuming the President's role. Rose has left big shoes to fill but has left the club in a positive position. We continue to face challenges but the club is headed in the right direction.

Good Curling!
Paul Harris-Lowe
Incoming President

From the StoneHouse Grill:

Welcome Back to another curling season!

We have some exciting new changes to our menu this year! Chef Jeff and I have been working on some new bonspiel menus that will be available in a pamphlet at the snack bar, and we are also more than happy to provide special menus for themed events and budgets. As always we welcome any comments and suggestions.

Our hours will be the same as last year:
M-F 10am-1pm
Sat - as needed
Sun 10am-1pm

We will continue to open Wednesday Evening from 5-8 and Friday Evenings from 4-9. Once again, for the first couple of weeks we will open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings to determine if there is a need for service and then decide on our hours.

We look forward to serving you again this year!

Kim MacDonald
StoneHouse Hall Manager
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Senior Men Section Highlights ... The Senior Men have had a very busy summer, despite the dismal golf conditions. And given the sorry state of my golf game, I can say that I am really looking forward to getting back on the ice for another season of good exercise and good fun.

Speaking of golf, 48 members and friends took part in the Annual Senior Men's Golf Tournament at Heron's Landing Golf Course on June 5th. Bob Ford did his usual bang up job of organizing and running the event. We started on time, finished on time and had a wonderful sunny day. The team of Rick Lewis, Dave Murray, Jim Carnrite and Roger Wild were the big winners with a score of 55. Personally, I think Roger Wild was probably a ringer. Bill Gordanier and Ron Thompson won the "closest" to the hole competitions. Special thanks to Gary Hancock for providing the beautiful, hand carved wooden trophies. A great time was had by all.

Eight members from the Section took part in a research study conducted by Kristi Allain, an Assistant Professor in the Sociology Department at St. Thomas University in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Kristi is studying the effect of aging on men's attitudes toward curling. Kristi is in the process of compiling what she learned and has promised to share her results when she is done. The interviews took about 2 hours to complete and Kristi was very appreciative of the help she got from our members.

The Section was pleased to be able to advance \$5,000.00 to the Club out of Section funds to assist with cash flow over the course of the summer.

There are presently two vacant positions on the Executive – the Vice-President and Social Chairman positions. If anyone is interested in serving on the Executive, we would love to have you. You can contact me at 705 927-4378 or anyone on the Executive.

I would like to thank Gord Schmidt, the Senior Men's Membership Chairman for updating our information of the Club website over the summer. If you are a new member of the Section and are looking for a team to play on, Gord is the person to contact.

The School Program will be getting off to a quick start on October 11th. Dave Levecque and Barry Parsons will be coordinating this very rewarding program again this year. If you would like to volunteer some of your time to help us teach school kids to curl, please get in touch with Dave or Barry. It is so much fun to be involved with this program.

The Section is looking into purchasing some new flooring for around the ice surface to cut down on the debris that gets onto the ice. We hope to have it installed before the start of the season.

So that's about it for now. A reminder that Tag Curling starts at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11th and Team Curling starts at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 16th.

See you on the ice. David Calvert, Chairman, Senior Men's Section

Learn to Curl...

The LTC committee is looking forward to another successful season. The past 5 years have resulted in over 60 new members being added to our membership and we are expecting big numbers from last year's class.



Many of our past instructors are continuing to offer their time and expertise – a testimony to their commitment to the program and also an indication of how gratifying it is to be a part of this initiative. We do have fun!!! If you can think of anyone who would enjoy our LTC program, please start recruiting – people are already signing up and we have had waiting lists in the past.

We are always looking to increase our pool of instructors so if you are interested in becoming an instructor please contact Kevin Casselman at 705-868-6701 or kevincasselman@gmail.com. We are holding an instructor clinic this year before the program begins. An email will be sent out when the details are worked out.

Kevin Casselman

Open House...

We are running an Open House on Saturday, October 14 for non-curlers to try our great sport. Everyone from age 7 and up is welcome to get a quick lesson, come on the ice, throw some rocks and sweep.

Do you have family, friends and co-workers who have expressed an interest in the sport of curling? Do you know some armchair curlers? This is the opportunity to bring them out to the club and give curling a try. The Open House is free. All they need is a pair of clean running shoes (carried in). Any questions? Call Pauline Orpwood 705-876- 8109.

From your Membership Director,,,

Peterborough Curling Club had 520 members in the 2016-17 season which was a small increase from the 506 members in 2015-16 season. These numbers indicate the popularity of our club when compared to other curling clubs in the area. Our Membership committee has accomplished the following this year:

We have simplified the Registration process on the website for our members. The change moving Social Curling from Sunday afternoon to Saturday evenings was a great success with over 150 curlers attending the 5 events. Our new Open Tag League on Sunday afternoons was also a huge success with 58 members being registered at the end of the season. It is a great way to curl with new people and get an extra game in every week. You should consider it when registering.

Some of the changes we are considering for this year include taking advantage of ice availability after the LTC program on Thursday evenings to allow the Wednesday Open and Friday Night Mixed Leagues to use as an overflow option. These two leagues are at capacity and this may be our best way to be able to expand these two leagues. We will see how registration plays out.

Our annual Recruitment Communication Blitz has once again been sent out asking our members to put up posters in their workplaces and promote our great sport with our friends and family to increase our membership numbers.

Kevin Casselman, Membership Director

Reminder... check your equipment at the beginning of the season and replace worn grippers and broom heads where necessary. Worn grippers are a safety concern and dirty grippers and broom heads can cause problems on our fresh ice!

Sunday Open Tag League...

The most fun you'll have on a Sunday afternoon. Everyone is welcome to join this casual fun TAG League. All players are rated according to their skill level and new teams are made up each week from the pool of players present that day.

Games start at 1:30, curlers are asked to arrive and throw their tag into the pile by 1:15 so that the draw master can make up the teams.

Friday Evening Mixed...

Your Friday Evening mixed executive has been busy getting organized for another fun curling season. Mark your calendars- Our first league game is on Friday the 13th! Our Annual league potluck (includes a 6 end game) is on Sunday, October 22. Once again, we will be running the league 50/50- more details to follow. We welcome new members who want to have fun! We are a team-entry league, however, if you are an individual player or have an incomplete team, contact our Membership Director, Soeun Khuth (khmerproh@hotmail.com) and he will do his best to get you hooked up with a team. We encourage everyone to get registered ASAP as our league is popular!

We look forward to seeing you on the ice! Your 2017/18 executive: Kelli, Soeun, Carolyn, Matt, Linda and Marie

Weds Open League...

Hard to believe we are back to curling! This year I anticipate having an over-subscribed league so we are going to try using Thursday night late games as a spillover night to avoid byes. This means once a draw your team will likely be asked to play on Thursday. Teams can try to arrange another time with the ice maker for open ice. As long as games are played before the end of a draw they don't have to be played on the Thursday. There are still a lot of teams that have not re-registered. I really would appreciate members registering as soon as possible. Given the size of the league, if we have teams coming in after the open house, expecting to be placed, that is likely going to delay the start of the season for the league. At this moment, I can't say if we are going to be starting on October 11, 18th or 25th.

I will be at the Open House so please stop by the table to say hello.

Jim Watson

Business Women...

Welcome to another curling season!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to new members joining our league this year and a welcome back to returning members. The upcoming season is just around the corner so I hope that you had a great summer and that you're ready to hit the ice.

The executive for the 2017/2018 season is as follows:

President Julie Byrnes

Vice-President Brenda Hill

Secretary/Treasurer Amy Schultz

Scheduling/Rules Nancy Houle

Past President Terri Cox

This year we have a new sponsor, The Medical Centre Pharmacy. Thank you to them for supporting our league this year!

As in past years, our league games are Monday nights, 6:30pm and 8:45pm (alternating each week). Our league is non-team entry so don't worry if you don't know anyone, we will put you on a team. This year the club will have practice ice available before the season starts (please check the website calendar for specific dates and times). Our league play will get underway October 16th at 8:45pm, with a social prior to in the lounge. So please come out early to get acquainted and enjoy some light snacks.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the ice! Julie Byrnes, President

Friday Afternoon Mixed Curling Section

We start curling Friday October 13 with 2 draws starting at 2:00 pm & 4:15 pm. A schedule will be made up once we know the number of teams & posted on the club website, we can accommodate up to 24 teams. Curling continues for the season with the 2 draws every Friday, each team will have an equal number of early & late draws. We will try to put together teams for couples & singles that are not on a team or you can sign up as a spare.

Our section is hosting The RBC Harris-Lowe Wealth Management Sr Bonspiel Sat Nov 4 & hope you will consider entering a team, details to follow. Our Xmas Dinner is Friday Dec 16. For more information visit our table at the Open House Monday Sept 25 The \$25 section fee includes nibbles after the 2:00 draw & a reduced fee for the Xmas & Closing dinners. Peter MacLoughlin, Section Chair

Club Partnership with Egg Farmers Rocks & Rings

The club has partnered with The Egg Farmers Rocks & Rings program to introduce Peterborough elementary school children to curling. Up to five schools will get the Rocks & Rings program in their school for a full day with classes visiting their school gym for 40 minute sessions of fun. There is no cost to the schools and no cost to the club. The school's children and their parents will then be invited to come on the ice at PCC on Saturday, November 11 to try real curling. This is an exciting opportunity for the club to get more youth into our sport. We will need a lot of on-ice help on November 11. Consider joining in the fun on the ice. Call or e-mail Pauline Orpwood to offer your assistance – 705-896-8109 or torpwood@sympatico.ca.

From your Social Director...

This is my last Rock Talk under Social Director. I am moving to the sub-committee of 'Property' under the Director, Gord Page.

I had many years on the Board as Social Director which I truly enjoyed.

Thank you to all that helped me along the way.

Debbie Pollock

Juniors Rock Talk...

Hello junior curlers. I hope everyone had a great summer. Junior curling this year will begin on Sunday, October 15. Junior curling schedule will run every Sunday starting at 10 am to 12:30 pm. I will have the schedule on the website sometime in September. From 10am to 11 am the curlers will be free to come and practice throwing rocks and there will also be instructors for anyone that needs to work on specific skills and for new curlers. Starting at 11 am to 12:30 pm, we will be making up teams and they will play a six end game. There is an open house for any curler that wants to register or know more about our Junior Curling program on Monday, September 25th from 6pm to 8pm. If you have any questions, you can email me at enzotarantino@gmail.com.



If you have any suggestions regarding the Rock Talk Newsletter, please contact Kelli Casselman (kcasselman@live.com).

If you are having issues with the Club's website or need changes made, please contact Kevin Casselman (kevindcasselman@gmail.com)
