



PRESIDENTIAL CURLING CLUB LETTER

MAY 2021

Hi everyone, I hope this note finds you all well and safe.

As we head into May I wanted to bring you up to speed on a few things.

First off.. WOW! The club earned \$304.00 through the CurlOn 50/50 fundraiser! I thank all those who participate in this ongoing fundraiser- from what I am told the odds are much higher of winning this than pretty much any other lottery. The total amount CurlOn received was \$54,440.00. Of that the winner received \$27,220.00 and \$21,776.00 went back to the participating curling clubs based on each club's submission! Remember these proceeds go directly towards our Youth Curling Program so please help out! For the remainder of the year there will be 3 early bird draws per month and one grand prize monthly, thanks and Good Luck!

Most of you had received an email from your convenors asking about your willingness to curl in October. We had about an 80% response rate and an overwhelming amount indicated that they were eager to return and get back on the ice in the fall.

With that in mind, we are diligently working to try and keep the times, leagues and pricing the same as it was in 2019. We feel that moving to a 3 or 4 day curling schedule could dissuade many from returning simply because of their schedules and routines they already have in place.

Having said that, we will need to re-assess closer to mid-August to establish whether we direct the city to install the ice or hold off until January. Obviously there are many factors to determine whether we go or hold. Some of these factors are: Covid-19 situation, Vaccination progress, City allowance of opening and what protocols are required, and the Overall willingness for members to return at that time.

So, as we keep you updated month by month, we may need to send another note out for your feedback closer to August. We apologize but this feedback from you is vital to make sure we proceed safely, and with the best chance of success.

Now for some exciting news!

I would like to announce that the board has decided to upgrade its website!

Moving forward, we would like our website to be the go to place for all things OCC related, both on the ice and off. With this new site we will be able to better serve our members by offering:

More efficient and seamless registrations

Individual member logins showing all your curling information such as upcoming games, schedules, scoring, etc.

Easier to navigate to find information quickly

Event registrations including payments for:

- Bonspiels,
- Pay as you Play
- Socials
- Golf Tournaments etc.

Self booking of Practice ice

Ability to enter scores online and see real-time standings

Spare Management section making it easier to reach out to spares.

Upcoming events and sponsors are easily seen

Better insight into your account and purchases

And finally, in addition to accepting payments by e-transfer and cheques, we will be allowing registration and event payments by Visa and Master Card!

We expect the new site transition to occur in July and plenty of notice will be given out then.

Now, many of you may be worried about how to navigate, register, and log into your accounts with a new website. Although the process is quite simple, we will be putting together a step by step video tutorial on how to get set up if you require some help.

With all this said, I would like to sincerely thank Paul Mather and Ron Pidgen for all their help, talents and hard work over the years. Paul was instrumental in setting up online registration a few years ago as well as creating the current web site. Ron created a database about 15 years ago for us to track membership trends and it has been incredibly helpful. With newer technology and websites, we feel that we should move to a more complete all in one solution that is used by about 80% of the curling clubs in Canada rather than a custom site. We are very excited about its potential and more features will be announced as we roll this out.

So, please stay tuned, stay safe and we will talk soon.

Thanks

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