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MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM THE ORILLIA
CURLING CLUB!



Orillia Steer & Stop

Orillia Steer & Stop is an automotive service and repair garage. We work on most makes and models with a wide variety of services ranging from alignments, steering and suspension, brakes, tires, general automotive repairs and services.

The shop was opened in 1990 by Bill Arnold, a member of the original Orillia Curling Club since 1979. Bill's wife Donna is also a member of the curling club and has organized bonspiels, the annual golf tournament, and helped on the board.

Throughout the years Orillia Steer & Stop has sponsored bonspiels and numerous leagues. We enjoy seeing so many members of the club and their families at the shop, often discussing their most recent games or missed shots.

I had always wanted to try curling, so when the Barnfield Curling Club opened in Orillia I took the learn to curl sessions and joined the Curling Club in 2001. I quickly decided this was a sport I was going to enjoy with the strategy and comradery among friends. I joined a number of leagues and competed in various bonspiels and provincial competitions. After years of playing against Bill I joined his team at Orillia Steer & Stop in 2012, and then eventually on the ice. Over the years I have convened a few different leagues, organized and helped with bonspiels, and Instructed the Little Rock program. We eventually managed to get my wife Jennifer to try curling with Bill, Donna and myself and she is now also an active member of the club.

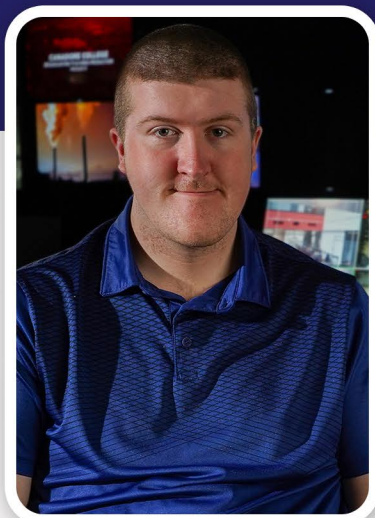
We appreciate all the support the Curling Club members and friends have given us over the years.

Good Curling

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A Letter from the Editor



As Don sent out his monthly letter in a separate email, we thought, what could we put here, in place of his letter? And an idea arose. Everyone sees the monthly newsletters and other graphical content, but you may wonder who is behind most of it all.

That would be me, Connor Earl.

I was born and raised right here in Orillia, Ontario. I have one younger brother. At the age of 12, got my first curling lesson at the Coldwater Curling Club by a long-time curler there, Donna Athron and well-known curler, Glenn Howard. Since then, I was hooked, and I am now fully in my 9th year of curling.

Back in June of this year, I graduated college for Television Broadcasting & Video Production and now successfully own Connor Earl Productions, a Television Broadcasting Production company right here in Orillia.

At college, I learned everything about TV and all aspects of it, including graphical design. So, I've taken the talents and skills I learned and have transformed them into each month's newsletter and other content. This is just one of the many things I can do in my field.

Since graduating, I have worked with Canadian Rock Singer Bif Naked, Canadian Country Star Serena Ryder, worked as a Camera-OP for OHL Hockey Games, shot content for the local CTV station, and newly have been video/photographing trains around the local area and Canada-Wide, which has gained international attention. My career has endless possibilities and I'm so excited for the future.

When I'm not curling, or operating my production business, you can find me out in the bush, hiking, or on the water, kayaking – weather and season dependant of course! If I'm not doing these things, I am usually metal detecting, which may sound weird and not what you think for me, but from it, I have had some finds that have ended up in museums and has also gained me international attention, most notably for finding a pair of Victorian Era Solid Gold Cloak Clasps on a farm that dates back to one of the first Victorian Era homesites in our area.

So, my life is very interesting as you can tell. That's a bit out me, the editor and designer. So until next newsletter, Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!



New Skips & Vices

Eleven members came to the Clinic for New Vices and Skips held at the club on November 21st starting at 6:30pm.

The clinic was an off-ice clinic covering an overview of playing the game and all the associated roles and rules associated with it as well as game strategy and a few shot calling options to support the game strategy.

Brian Peterson & Charlene Ley

A note from a clinic attendant.

Thank you both your presentation,

There was a great deal of helpful information shared. I'm sure all enjoyed the evening.

Sorry I had to pull out before the end but a phone call from my son reminded me "to get home for dins".

As a new member to the club, I am so impressed with the effort put forward by existing members to encourage new members in the game to gain skill and knowledge. This is all volunteer time and sometimes not fully appreciated.

The web site, although I am guilty of not looking at it frequently enough, is in my opinion outstanding.

Whoever designed your fee structure should also be complimented, it is VERY accommodating again, in my opinion, to the membership with its flexibility.

If in the future, you might want to draw on another resource, I would be interested in helping out.

Again, thank you both for the evening and your work.
Tony Baker

Newbie Bonspiel

A big thank you to all the participants in this years Newbie Bonspiel on Nov 12th. It was fun to watch the newbies and mentors working together and having so much fun.

We had tie games in both the morning and the afternoon with draws to the button required to determine the winners.

Winners:

1st place: John Bouwhuis, Sandra Durham, Melanie Lepage and Jamie Lepage

2nd place: Ann Cicci, Mike Cicci, Ron Desmoulins and Leisa Desmoulins

3rd place: Wes Brennan, Bev Brennan (Barb Murkar), Ann Kenneth, Janice Bryant

Thank you to Don Kinzinger and Jerene Edghill for organizing the Bonspiel.

A special thanks to Wes Brennan Construction for their sponsorship.

Jerene



New Curling Experiences

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

Our membership numbers currently sit around 300 members which is down from the annual numbers of 360 that we were accustomed to having prior to the pandemic. This was not unexpected given the pandemic challenges as well as the hiatus last year due to the faulty pump. So we need everyone's help in spreading the word about the various curling programs we have to offer.

The programs are designed to allow non-curlers/non-members the opportunity to try curling and have some fun. The hope is that people will see what a great sport it is and even if they don't take out a membership, they are contributing to the financial viability of the club similar to a green fee in golf.

We have three OCC programs that we think will help to introduce people to curling while partially covering the monetary shortfall we have with a lower membership count.

A. Pay to Play Friday Nights 8:30 to 10:30pm – This is an instructional program where new curlers come out, are taught the basics of curling and experience an end or two. If they return, then they can participate in games as well as obtain more training. This is open to non-members and members. Everyone registers on-line via the event listings. Cost is \$20 for non-members and free for members. Perfect opportunity to bring out your family and friends.

B. Curling Socials can occur anytime when we have open ice, day or evening. These are private sessions booked through the club. They are excellent opportunities to have a work place outing, celebrating an event with family and friends, getting together and curling with golf buddies etc. Interested individuals just need to email the club, and I will contact them to determine the number of participants, number of instructors required and then schedule a session. Once scheduled, an event is created for participants to register on our website. Cost is \$20 per non-member and free for members

C. Monday Night Fun Nights. NEW – With the available ice time on Monday evenings, we think it is a good opportunity to try the various curling format/social ideas we received in the last membership survey. The costs for non-members will be approximately \$20 and there may be a minimal cost for members to participate to help offset cost of food etc.

In Person OCC Website support.

While I was still recovering from surgery and had some time on my hands since I couldn't curl, I made myself available at the club at various times from November 14-18 to help members with navigating the club's website.

Approximately 23 members sought out assistance and were very appreciative to either sort out login issues or to gain more knowledge as to what the new website has to offer. It was a good opportunity for members to get additional training at No cost. Many complimented the Board on the website and how much they like it. It certainly has helped the many volunteers who run the leagues and the board members in their role. It also helps to facilitate the logistics in registering for the various events we are hosting whether it be the weekly Pay to Play Friday nights, the Curling Socials, the fun nights or any of the bonspiels.

If you didn't get a chance to come and see me and would like some assistance or have questions, don't hesitate to email the club and we will help you out.

Charlene Ley



8-ENDER

Scoring an 8-ender is quite rare and in fact the last time that this occurred at the Orillia Curling club was in 2018.

If you happen to score an 8-ender, make sure you take pictures of the house and the team and submit these to the club's email address. We will register it with CurlION who in turn will issue certificates and pins.

Charlene



OPP in Full Force at the Curling Club

No, you got it all wrong. We weren't in any trouble. In fact, we were teaching curling to 15 Ontario Provincial Police personnel who were in town for a workshop. As part of the workshop, the organizer plans a social/sporting event and this year a Curling Social was on the agenda.

Two groups were arranged between those who had a bit of curling experience to those who had never been on the curling ice. With the group being very attentive and disciplined, we were able to start games earlier. There was quite a bit of friendly competition with lots of laughs.

Thank you to Brian Peterson, Derek Cox, Ted Fleming, Charlene Ley for providing training and Taylor Ley and Connor Earl for assisting with the first Curling Social of this season.



Learn to Curl Doubles

Members were in good hands with Jonathan and Jen Woolhouse taking them through the basics and the strategy of Doubles on the evening of December 5th.

Everyone was very engaged and discovered just how interesting Doubles can be with both team members playing multiple roles.

It is rewarding for the organizers to hear feedback such as; “Love it, it’s fun to learn different formats, anytime you get a bit of instruction is greatly appreciated, good fun and good exercise”

Hoping that those in attendance will add their names for sparing in the Thursday night doubles league or register to play full time.

Charlene



Upcoming Important Dates / Club Notes

DECEMBER

December 17th, 2022

Santa Spiel

9:00am - 4:00pm at Barnfield Point Recreational Centre, Orillia, ON

December 19th, 2022 - January 2nd, 2023

Rink is Closed

December 25th, 2022

Christmas Day

Club is closed

NOTES

*If you missed the Learn to Curl Doubles on Dec 5th and are interested in trying it before you consider registering for the winter session, then email the club to learn more and sign up.

*As we move forward with transitioning to the new logo designed club curling pin we have a small stock of the previous Curling Pins design which are for sale for \$5. Email the club if you want one. First come first serve.



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