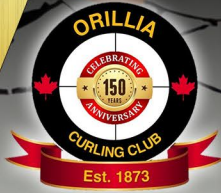


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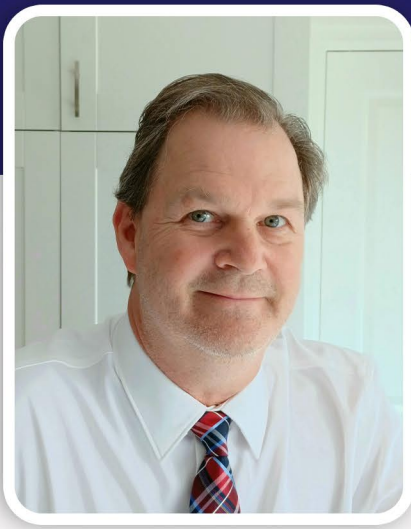
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# Don's Monthly Message



Hi everyone,

I hope the start of your curling season has gone well and you have met some new people!

I normally do not send out a mid month letter but some things are time sensitive and could not wait until the end of the month.

## **Annual General Meeting**

Coming up on Saturday November 4th we will be hosting virtually our Annual General Meeting. Board reports, financial statements and a ZOOM link will be sent out to you shortly.

## **Newbie Bonspiel is Back!**

On Saturday, November 11th we will be hosting our annual Newbie Bonspiel which has been, and continues to be generously sponsored by Wes and Bev Brennan of Brennan Construction. Thanks Bev and Wes!

This popular Bonspiel is for our newer curlers. It will give them a fun, first look at a Bonspiel. We are also looking for "mentors" to sign up to help guide the newbies. Space is limited to 24 Newbies, and 24 Mentors so sign up as soon as possible! The event will start with coffee, tea and sweets, 6 ends of curling, a light lunch, followed by another 6 ends and wrap up about 4:00 pm with some camaraderie and cash prizes! Newbies and Mentors can register in the events section on the website

## **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orillia Spiel**

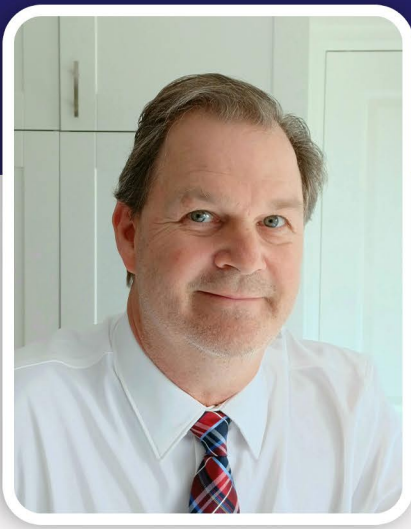
BBBS of Orillia will be hosting their fundraising Bonspiel on November 26th. They are seeking teams and sponsors. If you would like to be part of this event, please click here for more information.

## **150th Celebration Committee**

2023 marks the club's 150th anniversary. We are looking for a few members to be part of a committee to help organize this event. We hope to celebrate this milestone in early December. If you are good at organizing events such as this, please email the club. [orilliacurlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:orilliacurlingclub@gmail.com)



# Don's Monthly Message



## **Practice Ice**

Many are not aware that we have practice ice available to our members. While we continue to book school events during the day, we do have some available time slots for you to book.

If you log into your account, go to Members Home/Practice Ice/Book Ice Time

Under Category, select Practice Ice

You are presented with a calendar-type view.

You can use the << >> arrow buttons to scroll through the calendar day by day, or, Click on the calendar icon to select a specific day.

If Practice Ice is available you will see a GREEN box on the sheet and the time it is available.

By clicking on a GREEN box, will book you for 30 minutes and turn Yellow.

Select Next at the bottom

Confirm your info and SUBMIT Your Request

Now, when you log in and click on Members Home/Practice Ice, select My Ice Bookings. Here you can see your bookings as well as cancel them if you need to.

## **Sparing**

As a reminder, log into your account and choose Members Home/My Sparing Availability Select ALL the leagues you would like to spare for.

## **Name Tags**

All NEW members will be issued a name tag as part of their membership fees. Should you require an additional tag or you have misplaced your tag, please email Sandy Furzeczott and let her know. We feel it is important to wear these to create a better experience both on and off the ice.

Thank you for time!

Don Kinzinger



# OCC Road Signs

Shout out to Gail Brown and the Road Sign Volunteers

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to Gail Brown for her dedication and hard work in managing the road sign program. Gail, your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and they have made a significant impact on our club.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the following teams who contributed their time and energy to put up and take down the signs on September 10 and September 17:

- Jim Quigley & Ron Talbot
- Rick Swinton & Dave Best
- Dave Boyle & Larry Hills
- Wendell Fisher & Jim Hammell
- Alan Bowser (our standby "spare" for take down)

A very special thank you goes out to Dave Madigan for his role in finding volunteers and organizing these teams. Your contribution has been instrumental in the success of this program and much appreciated by Gail.

The fact that we only lost seven signs this year is a testament to the experience and knowledge gained over the years in adhering to the city's sign bylaws. It's clear that Gail's careful planning and dedication have helped us improve the effectiveness of our sign placements.

We also appreciate your efforts in charting sign placements on a city map and creating efficient driving routes. Your attention to detail has not only saved time but also made the process smoother for everyone involved.

Gail has been involved with the sign program since 2018 and managing it since 2019, and would like to pass the baton onto someone else. If anyone is interested in taking over the sign program, we encourage them to reach out and let us know. Gail's knowledge and experience will undoubtedly be invaluable in ensuring a seamless transition.

Once again, Gail, thank you for your outstanding contributions to our Curling Club. Your dedication has played a crucial role in our member sign-ups and new recruitments, which are vital to the growth and success of our club.

With warm regards,

Charlene Ley, Membership, Orillia Curling Club Board





# Intro to Curling

## Intro to Curling Clinics for New Members

It's great to hear that the Curling Club offered five Intro to Curling Clinics for new members over the Thanksgiving weekend and on Wednesday, October 11.

These clinics were designed to help new members get acquainted with the sport and were also open to those who have been away from curling for some time. A total of 56 members attended these training sessions, which covered the fundamental techniques and skills necessary for the game. This training aimed to provide new curlers with the confidence they need to participate in league games.

For those attendees who are interested in further assistance and want to improve their curling skills, there is an option to register for the Learn to Curl Pay to Play sessions. These sessions are held on Sundays from 2-4 pm and are free of charge for club members.

It is advisable for all members who sign up for these programs to review the "Info for Newcomers" section under the "Join Us" tab and access the WELCOME PACKAGE for additional information and guidance.

Special thanks go to the head coach, Brian Peterson, for organizing the instructors and providing instruction at all the sessions. Additionally, Charlene Ley, Jerene Edghill, Ted Fleming, Barb Horne, and Derek Cox were also present to assist with the clinics, contributing to the successful introduction of new members to the sport of curling.





# 8-ENDER

It is rare, but on occasion, maybe once a year, a curling term called an '8-ENDER' will happen.

An 8-ENDER is a perfect score within a single end of curling. In an end, both sides throw eight rocks, and in an 8-ENDER, all eight rocks from one team score points.

If you happen to score an 8-ENDER while on a team at the OCC, please take a picture of it and send it to us as we will post it online, and add it to our '8-ENDER Wall of Fame'.





# Youth League

Every year, the Orillia Curling Club hosts a Youth League for all interested 8-14 year olds.

The Youth League runs every Sunday at noon till 2pm, starting Oct 22, and runs for 6 weeks, followed by an additional 6 weeks after Christmas.

If you know a child who may be interested, then this might be the league for them.

Sundays at Noon at the Orillia Curling Club!

SEE YOU THERE!





# New Leagues at the OCC

## **The Breakfast Club**

We have 22 folks signed up for the Breakfast Club Tag league, and, of course, Player's Card holders are always welcome as well.

Come on out for a Sunday wake up and stay for Breakfast at Bayside afterwards. Starts at 9:30, but be there 15-20 minutes ahead of time so teams can be assembled.

Ted Fleming convenes this new league, so feel free to contact him with any questions.

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## **Orillia Curling Club's Player's Card**

Our newly minted Player's Card offers lots of flexibility for those who can't commit to a particular league or day of the week.

Player's Card holders are welcome to play in any of our Tag Draw leagues:

Mon, Wed, Fri morning Senior Men Tags

Mon, Wed, Fri afternoon Mixed Tags

Sunday morning Breakfast Club Tag

The beauty of these leagues is that you play with different people every week and you don't need to arrange for a spare if you can't make it. They are friendly leagues and very welcoming to newcomers to the game.

Just show up about 20 minutes early and place your card on the board in the position you want to play. Your card will be punched and you can collect it once the teams are called to the ice.

Player's Card holders may also use their tokens to spare in any league, or to join in on the Sunday Afternoon Pay to Play instructional sessions.

A whole new way to enjoy the fun of being an OCC Member!



# Slip and Fall / Concussion Protocol

## **DEALING WITH FALLS/HEAD TRAUMA RESPONSIBILITY OF CURLERS, CONVENORS, COACH OR DIRETORS**

During all Club activities, individuals will use their best efforts to be aware of incidents that may cause a concussion, such as falls or head trauma (blow to the head, face or neck, or blow to the body that transmits a force to the head), Recognize and understand the signs and symptoms that may result from a concussion.

These may appear immediately after the injury or within hours or days of the injury and may be different for everyone. Most people with a concussion do not lose consciousness.

Identify individuals who have been involved in any of the above incidents and/or exhibit any of the signs or symptoms found on the Head Trauma Guide.

**IF A HEAD TRAUMA OCCURS**, any curler attending to the individual should obtain a Head Trauma Guide and Incident Report located on a clip board hanging between the house measuring devices located at both ends of the ice.

This guide will cover what steps are to be followed. **REPORTING** - The Incident Report is found on the reverse side of the Head Trauma Guide and allows for the documentation of key information for EMS personnel and for the club. The Incident Report will be completed when a head trauma occurs. Incident Report will be completed by the skip, league convenor or another club member. Once the injured individual has been properly attended to, the convenor will forward the incident report to the President who will retain the report for 2 years from the date of the incident.

**RETURN TO PLAY** – It is up to the individual/individual's parent/guardian in consultation with a physician (if applicable) to determine when they can return to curling. In the case of a minor participating on a competitive team, the team coach will support the individual plan for return to sport that has been outlined by the participant's physician/nurse practitioner.



# OCC & Local High Schools

The Orillia Curling Club has an initiative to introduce high school students, as well as grade 7 and 8 students, to the sport of curling. Here's a summary of the progress to date:

1. High school curling started on Wednesday, October 18th, and is scheduled for most Wednesdays throughout the year from 3:00 pm to 5:45 pm.
2. The Curling Club extended invitations to three local high schools, and Twin Lakes has already begun participating as of October 18th.
3. There are indications that Patrick Fogarty and possibly Orillia Secondary School will also be joining in.
4. The Curling Club's instructors along with Tom Ormsby are available to assist in developing the curling skills of all the students.





# Upcoming Important Dates / Club Notes

## November

**November 4, 2023**

Annual General Meeting

Zoom (Link will be sent out) | 10:00am

**November 11, 2023**

Newbie Bonspiel

Barnfield Point Recreation Center | 9:00am - 5:00pm

**November 26, 2023**

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bonspiel

Barnfield Point Recreation Center | 8:30am - 5:00pm

*\*Times may vary*

## December

**December 16, 2023**

OCC Santa Spiel

Barnfield Point Recreation Center | 9:00am - 5:00pm

*\*Times may vary*

*Check the website under events for further information and to register.*

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Halloween

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Happy HALLOWEEN



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