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Hi everyone,

I wanted to keep you in the loop with the latest information and important items to note as we get ready to start our season.

Pump Update

The latest update from the City is that everything is still on track for opening day!

The pump has been installed and testing of it has been completed with no issues! The next step is to have the plant fully inspected on September 9th, with a startup on September 12th. The rink will be brought down to temperature slowly, then the sealing of the concrete surface will commence.

Registration and Payment Deadline

We are seeing a positive rate of registrations occurring. Please try to get this done asap to ensure a spot in your league(s).

On Saturday, September 17th and Sunday, September 18th, (10am-2pm) we will be hosting our OPEN HOUSE and IN-PERSON registrations at Barnfield Point Recreation Centre. For those that are having trouble registering online, new to the club, or just want to drop by and say hello, we will be happy to see you!

Please note that Registrations and Payments need to be submitted on or before Saturday, October 1st in order for our convenors to prepare their leagues. Payments accepted are Credit Card, e-Transfer or Cheque. Spread the word! New members will receive a 25% discount including those who were new members last year!

Proof of Vaccination and Masking

According to the Province, Simcoe Muskoka Health, and the City of Orillia, there is NO requirement to present Proof of Vaccination, nor are masks mandated in the facility. Having said that, the Orillia Curling Club is a welcoming and inclusive club that encourages members to assess their own comfort and risk levels during play. Should members wish to wear a mask, we expect all other members to respect their choices.

As has been practiced over the last couple of years, should you feel unwell or show any signs of Covid-19, please refrain from entering the facility and search out a spare through your account.

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Season Start and Practice Ice

Saturday, October 8th and Sunday, October 9th the club will be open for practice ice. Sheets not used for the new curler clinics will be available on a first come first serve basis 9:30am to 4:00pm. Please be patient and understanding should someone come and want to throw rocks on the same sheet as you. The season officially starts on October 11th with the Ladies League. BPRC is closed on Thanksgiving Monday.

Facility Workflow

You may recall last year we were required to re-design how we enter the facility, changeroom limits, alternating ends to start games, etc. This is no longer required. The facility will operate as it did in years past by entering at the front doors, and games starting at the glass end. There may still be markers on the ice for social distancing for those who wish to be more comfortable with that.

Calling all NEW and LESS EXPERIENCED Curlers!

The Orillia Curling Club is offering its members Learn to Curl sessions geared towards all NEW and LESS EXPERIENCED curlers to get them ready for play.

The OCC recommends that these members sign up for a 2.5 hour Learn to Curl session. These sessions will take place on the ice and instructor-led. These technical sessions will cover the basics that a new curler needs to know to get comfortable on the ice in order to start curling in their leagues.

Prior to attending a session, new curlers are encouraged to read the Welcome Package found under the "Info for New Comers" tab under the "Join Us" tab on the website. It is a very informative yet informal way to learn the game. Each new member must register online for a session! Simply log into your account and look under "Hosted Events" on the main page.

There are 4 sessions available and do fill up quickly!:

Saturday October 8th (9:30am-12:00noon) (12:30pm -3:00pm)

Sunday October 9th (9:30am-12:00noon) (12:30pm -3:00pm)

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Equipment

It is highly recommended that prior to our season start, everyone purchase new grippers. After not curling for almost 2 years the rubber is more than likely dried out and prone to disintegrating, leaving debris on the ice surface. As well, please try to avoid clothing that piles. These two items are the leading causes of rocks picking. Should you require new grippers, or any curling equipment, they can be found at: *Shot Rock Shop- Barrie (Inside the Barrie Curling Club)* or Orillia Canadian Tire.

Popular Leagues

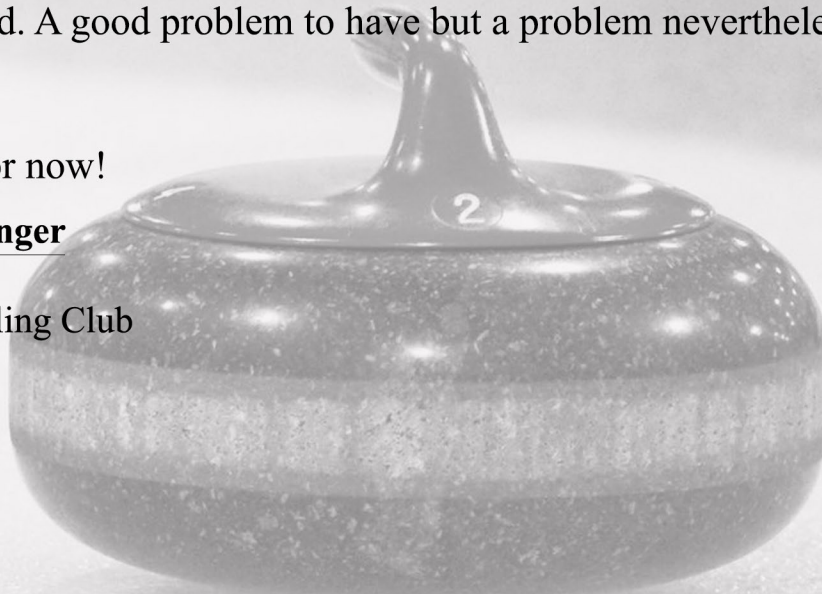
As with last year, we are seeing some leagues fill up rather quickly. Specifically Thursday and Friday night Mixed. Typically these leagues only ran one session on those nights. However, as we see and expect the club to grow, there may be a need to expand draws to later times such as 8:30pm. We also may need to open up additional days to accommodate the demand. A good problem to have but a problem nevertheless.

That's it for now!

Don Kinzinger

President

Orillia Curling Club



OCC at the Orillia Waterfront Festival

The Orillia Curling Club was in the centre of things at Couchiching Park on August 7, 2022 from 9am through 5pm during the Orillia Waterfront Festival. It certainly helped to have CurlON Summer Street Curling Tour on hand with the very visible Curling Rock, a sheet of ice and a bean bag toss game set up by Abbey and Rebecca.

Abbey and Rebecca are summer students who have been travelling the province with the Summer Street Curling Tour.

With the high temperatures on Sunday, they appreciated the shade that the beautiful trees in the park provide. Even so, it was a hot one. The curling game attracted a lot of visitors, many who were from out of town. That still gave us the opportunity to encourage them to visit the websites of the various curling clubs in their area. Two couples from Florida were quite interested in the game. They were on a yearlong boating loop and when they return to Florida, they are going to check out if curling is available to them.

For any local visitors who had an interest in curling, they were given a postcard with the open house dates and encouraged to visit the website. They also were invited to put their name in a draw for a free once a week draw membership.

Liz Ross and myself really appreciate Don Kinzinger who did the behind the scenes work in arranging to have CurlON there, and Connor Earl for design work of postcards and covering media duties. We also want to give a shout out to the following volunteers who hung out with us that day: Donna Arnold, Nancy Bowers, Connor Earl, Barb Horne, Tom Ormsby, Mary Jo Robertson, and Paul Ross. Next event is being held at the Recreational Centre on August 19th from 4-8pm. Come see us there!



OCC at the Orillia Rec Centre

It was a fantastic turn out at the Orillia Recreation Centre grand opening on August 19th. Festivities started at 4 o'clock and ended by 7:45pm. There was well over 1000 visitors to the facility.

The Orillia Curling Club was invited to attend as part of the Orillia sport group trade show that took place on the second level where the indoor track is located along with a number of areas with work out equipment.

Thank you to Liz Ross, Barb Horne, Connor Earl and Don Kinzinger for helping with the evening.

The club's next event is the Golf Tournament on September 15th at Trehaven, it's a scramble format with a shotgun start at 8:30. There are a few more spots left so check out the website for more information.



Upcoming Important Dates / Club Notes

September 15th, 2022

Orillia Curling Club Annual Golf Tournament
8:00am - 2:00pm at Trehaven Golf and Country Club

September 17th & 18th, 2022

OCC OPEN HOUSE & In-Person Registration
10:00am - 2:00pm at Barnfield Point Recreational Centre, Orillia, ON

NOTES

*We are looking for 5 more players for the OCC Golf tournament on Thursday September 15th. If interested email Donna Arnold at donnaarnold15@hotmail.com.

*Call out for volunteers to help distribute road signs on Sunday Sept 11th and to retrieve them on Sunday Sept 18th immediately following the open house at 2pm. We need 5 teams of 2. Email Charlene at charlene.v.ley@gmail.com, if you can lend a hand for a couple of hours.





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