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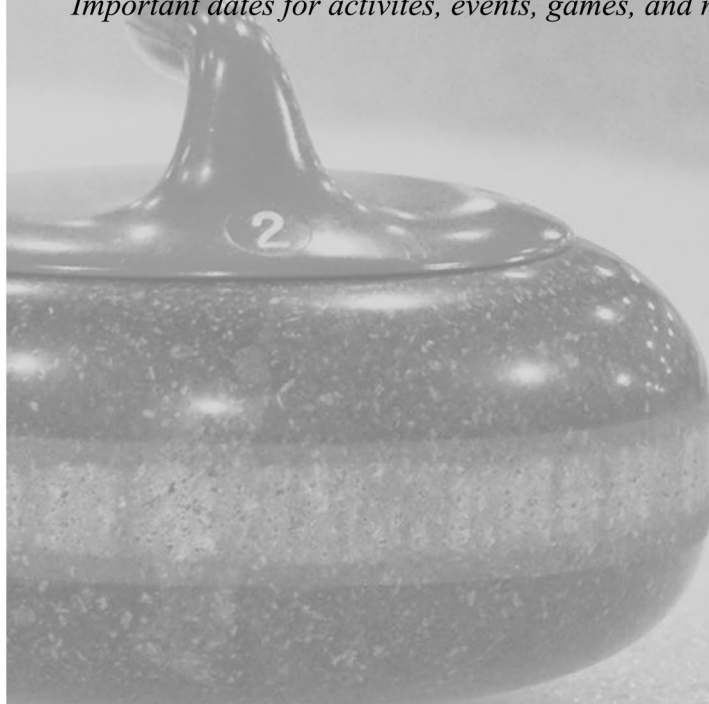
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Wes Brennan Construction was founded in 1986 and incorporated in 1997. Wes started small and over the years the company has expanded to 24 employees including management.

Previously to starting his business Wes worked for his father Elwood O Brennan; Electrical Contractors in the electrical business for 10 years. This is where he gained valuable experience as a Master electrician and honing in on his skills. Wes' father owned several homes in the Orillia area so when electrical was not as busy, they could shift over to renovating to stay busy.

In Wes's 37 years in the business Wes and his team have built more than 80 custom homes in the Orillia area. While also keeping themselves busy with renovations, kitchen, bathrooms. No job is too small as Wes remembers his roots, started out doing small jobs before expanding. Never having to travel very far for work and being able to stay local to his hometown of Orillia.

Wes was involved in many sports in the Orillia area where he made lots of contacts. There is nothing more important than friendships and the contacts that were made at the Orillia curling club. The Wes Brennan Construction banner is displayed on the side wall, and Wes is very proud of it. Wes Brennan Construction has been Sponsoring or Co-sponsoring many bonspiels at the club for over 10 years.

In March of 2020 Wes was very happy to see his son, Jack and daughter-in-law Jenni take over the business. This makes Wes very proud to see that the business will continue to operate and carry on in the same name. The business could not be in better hands.

Wes would like to thank Orillia and area for supporting his business in the past, present, and future. Many thanks to the Orillia Curling Club and the past and present executive for an enjoyable experience. Wes would recommend curling to anyone as a recreational sport or on a competitive level.

Thanks from Wes, Bev, Jenni and Jack Brennan

Don's Monthly Message



Hi everyone.

Just some more updates and things to note.

First, the club **WILL BE OPEN** on Family Day Monday February 20th! League play continues as normal.

Although we only have about 6 weeks remaining in our season, (where does the time go?), this is probably our busiest in terms of events.

If you check our website, the front page only shows some of our events. For a full listing, you should check out all of our events and goings on under the heading Events/Event Registration.

Some of the events coming up are:

- * **Pay to Play Fridays** 6:30-8:30 pm (Feb.10, 17 &24)
 - * **Day Ladies Valentines Interclub Spiel** (Feb, 11. Only 4 more ladies needed! contact Janet Orser-Madigan)
 - * **Sturling Fun Event** (Feb.13, what is this? Check it out on our front page)
 - * **Family Day Spiel** (Feb.18) only 11 spots left!
 - * **Euchre Night** (Feb. 27)
 - * **Bocce Curling Night** (March 6)
- ...and more!

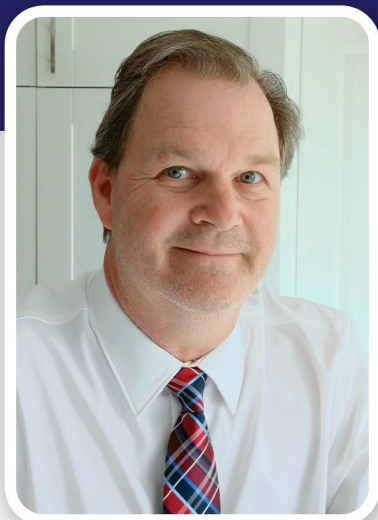
Curling Stone Assessment

Lon Oldfield and I will be measuring our rocks to determine their wear. As curling rocks are used, they slowly start to lose their curl. Lon will measure the running band on the rocks and we will determine if the rocks need to be textured. If we decide to do this, members will be notified because the rocks will have a tendency to curl much more.

The Pins are In!

We have a supply of club lapel pins with our new logo. These will be available at most of our upcoming spiels and events. The pins are only \$12 and all proceeds go to help the club, so please show your support!

Don's Monthly Message



Club Caps

As with the pins, we will have a limited quantity of ball caps with our new logo. We expect these in a few weeks so stay tuned!

Debris on the Ice.

For the most part, the debris on the ice has been minimized. The sticky mats and using both doors seem to be helping. Having said that, sheet 1 has always been troublesome. As a reminder, please do your best to not step on the ice surface until your shoes and grippers have been cleaned.

Sponsor of the Month

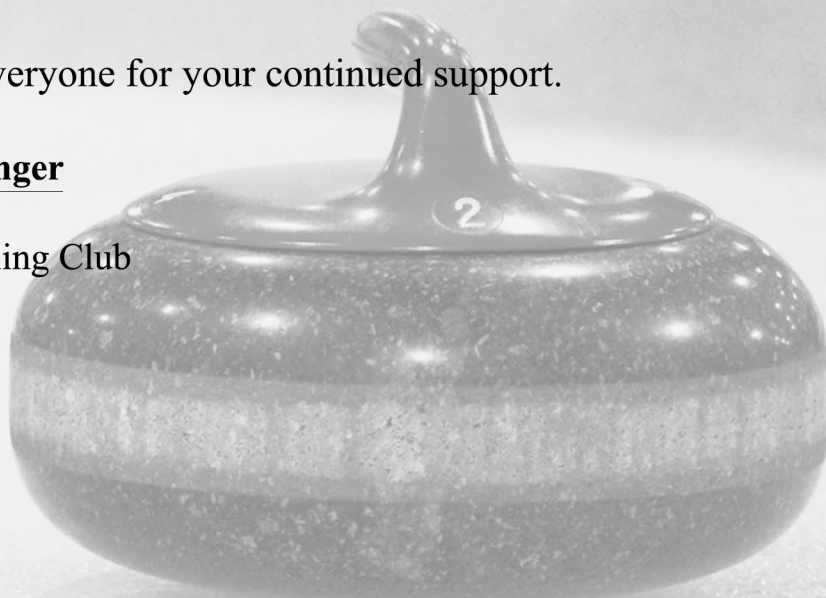
Wes Brennan Construction has been a long-time supporter of the club. We are happy to have them as our February Sponsor of the Month. Please check out their write-up on our main page.

Thanks, everyone for your continued support.

Don Kinzinger

President

Orillia Curling Club



Lions Oval Curling Social

What a fun social it was on Jan 20th from 8:30-10:30.

Karen Szijarto had organized a group of 13 of her work colleagues to come out and learn how to curl.

Without a doubt this was the most excited group we have hosted.

After training in all the basics, two games were held with everyone getting passing grades 😊.

Pictured are some of the participants.

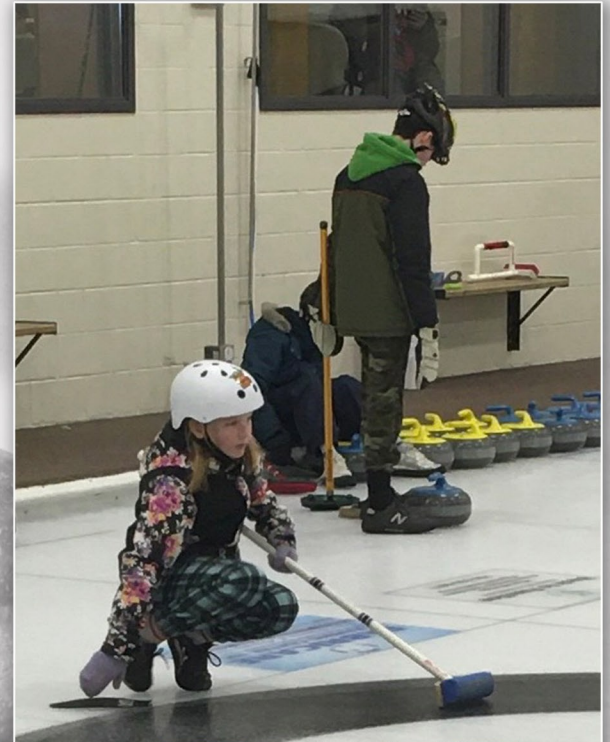


Youth Curling

Youth Curling at Orillia Curling Club is having a fantastic year! We have eighteen curlers who are enjoying learning the game. Each week we warm up with curling drills to improve balance and delivery techniques and finish with a short game.

Our young curlers are participating in the Skill Awards Program from the Ontario Curling Association. Many curlers will be earning their Little Rock badge and certificates and some may even be awarded their Red Level badge by completing the skill requirements.

This league could not continue without our volunteers who give instruction and encouragement to the kids. We have help from Brian Peterson, Brenda Ley, Richard Jones and Joey Szijarto. Thank you volunteers!



Lakehead University Curling Social

January 23rd the Orillia Curling Club hosted 8 curling enthusiasts from Lakehead University for a Curling Social.

What a fun evening learning on the ice.

Thank you to Brian Peterson and Charlene Ley for instructing the group.



Rotary Rocked the House!

Rotary Took to the Ice on Jan 30th.

Twenty one participants from the Rotary Club took to the ice on the evening of January 30th to learn and play a little bit of curling.

Everyone did fantastic and appreciated the skills involved in throwing granite down the sheets and trying to get it to the intended destination.

There was lots of interest and many said that they will be back.

Thank you to Brian Peterson, Derek Cox, Jerene Edghill, Ted Fleming and Charlene Ley for guiding the group.



Upcoming Important Dates / Club Notes

February

February 10, 2023

Mon/Wed/Frid Mixed TAG draw Mini Spiel

February 11, 2023

Ladies "Red & White" Bonspiel

February 13, 2023

Stirling Games Night

February 18, 2023

Family Day Spiel

February 27, 2023

Euchre Night

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

NOTES

*Friday Night Pay to Play - Learn to Curl Sessions are now running from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Non members pay \$20 per session and members are free. This is a great opportunity to introduce people to curling, so please extend the invite to family and friends.



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