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Lucky Leprechauns Competition

In the spirit of St Patrick's Day, can you spot all the hidden leprechaun hats?

There are 10 hats scattered throughout this newsletter, waiting to be found!

As you read, when you think you've spotted all the hats and identified their locations, email your answers to the email below.

Email: orilliacurlingclubnewsletter@gmail.com

The winner (or winners) will be announced in the next edition, and will win bragging rights!

Best of luck, and may the luck of the Irish be with you! 🍀

*The hats look like this image below
(and this image **DOES NOT** count).*



Caught in the act.... decorating that is!

Article by: Charlene Ley

Anne Collins, Dorothy Hills, and Gail Borutski were spotted adding a festive touch to the club's dividers with an array of snowflakes in all shapes and sizes. With all the white fluffies blanketing the area (and more on the way!), their décor couldn't be more fitting.

A big thank you to these wonderful ladies for their creativity and dedication. Your efforts don't go unnoticed—we all truly appreciate the extra charm you bring to the club!



A distant memory before the snow!

Article by: Gary Molnar

Drove my convertible to a game this season in October...boy is this a distant memory!



OCC Family Day Bonspiel

Article by: Tim Kent

The Orillia Curling Club was filled with excitement on Family Day as friends and families faced off in a fun and competitive bonspiel. With back-and-forth games keeping everyone on their toes, the competition remained tight after three draws and 14 ends of curling.

After the main matches, participants enjoyed some lighthearted family games before the final results took shape. In the end, three teams pulled ahead to claim victory, but the real winners were all who took part in a fantastic day of curling, laughter, and community spirit.

Our top 3 winners were:

- Jim Quigley, Andrew Quigley, Rebecca Quigley, Katie Quigley
- Katie Farquharson, Andrew Farquharson, Stan Wellman, Benjamin Wellman
- Adam Johnson, Spencer Johnson, Ron Johnson, Holly Johnson

We had a pot of \$225, and the 50/50 winner Tim Kent took home \$112.50.

Thank you to everyone who joined in – we can't wait to see you on the ice again soon!



East Oro Curling Social

Article by: Charlene Ley

Orillia Curling Club members Lora and James Langner recently hosted a fantastic curling social, bringing out eight of their East Oro friends to experience the sport firsthand.

After learning the fundamentals, the new curlers formed four teams and enjoyed a friendly, lighthearted competition.

The skill level was impressive, with some fantastic shots made throughout the game. While some participants may have discovered a few muscles they hadn't used in a while, the overwhelming sentiment was one of excitement and enjoyment.

A big thank you to Randy Ley, Don Ruggles, and Pauline Stewart for their support in making this event such a success.



Pay to Play Sunday's

Article by: Charlene Ley

The February 23rd Pay to Play session was a fantastic event, bringing together a mix of new and returning curlers for a fun-filled afternoon on the ice.

During the regularly scheduled Pay to Play, participants had the opportunity to either learn the sport for the first time, brush up on their skills, or simply enjoy a great curling session with fellow enthusiasts.

During my visit to the various sheets of ice to capture some memorable moments, it was wonderful to see everyone engaged, having fun, and honing their skills. One particularly heartwarming highlight was watching our youngest participant, six-year-old Mason, step onto the ice with his mom, Allie, to give curling a try. It was truly impressive to see Mason throw the little rock the full length of the ice and land it in the rings—way to go, Mason!

Allie shared that curling is more challenging than it appears and that she's discovering muscles she didn't even know she had—a sentiment many curlers can surely relate to!

A special thank you goes out to Brian Peterson and Barb Horne for their dedication and support in guiding these curlers and ensuring a great experience for all. Their efforts made this event a success.





Six-year-old Mason, and his mom, Allie, are shown during a Pay-to-Play session on February 23, 2025.

Best Western Challenge Provincial Championship

Article by: Tim Kent

This past weekend, Team Hewitt competed in the Best Western Challenge Provincial Qualifier at the Lakefield Curling Club, securing a spot at the provincial championships.

The team, led by skip Trevor Hewitt, vice Jon Woolhouse, second Tim Kent, and lead Charlie Piper, had a strong showing on Saturday.

They opened the event with a decisive 9-3 win against Team Davis, followed by an 11-6 victory over Team Shaw.

In their third match, the 'A' final, they faced Team 100 Acre Brewery in a hard-fought battle that went to extra ends, ultimately falling 6-5.

This loss meant a return to the ice on Sunday in the B Final, where they took on Team Tetley from Gravenhurst. Team Hewitt delivered a dominant 7-2 win, securing their place in the provincial championships, set to take place March 21 - 23 in Niagara Falls.

With momentum on their side, Team Hewitt is ready to take on the best in the province and compete for the title.



Upcoming Important Dates

March

March 1, 2025

Doubles Bonspiel
Orillia Curling Club | 9:00am - 4:00pm

March 6, 2025

Simcoe Ladies Interclub Bonspiel
Orillia Curling Club | 9:00am - 4:00pm

- Open to all OCC Women curlers over 50
- Barrie, Stroud, Bradford and Alliston Curling Clubs invited
- Two 6-end games with lunch \$30
- Signup in Ladies locker room

March 18, 2025

Day Ladies Closing Bonspiel and Lunch
Orillia Curling Club

- Morning 8-end game with lunch \$30
- Year-end prizes
- Signup on Day Ladies Bulletin board

March 22, 2025

Day of Champions
Orillia Curling Club | 8:00am - 5:00pm

*Happy
St. Patrick's Day*



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