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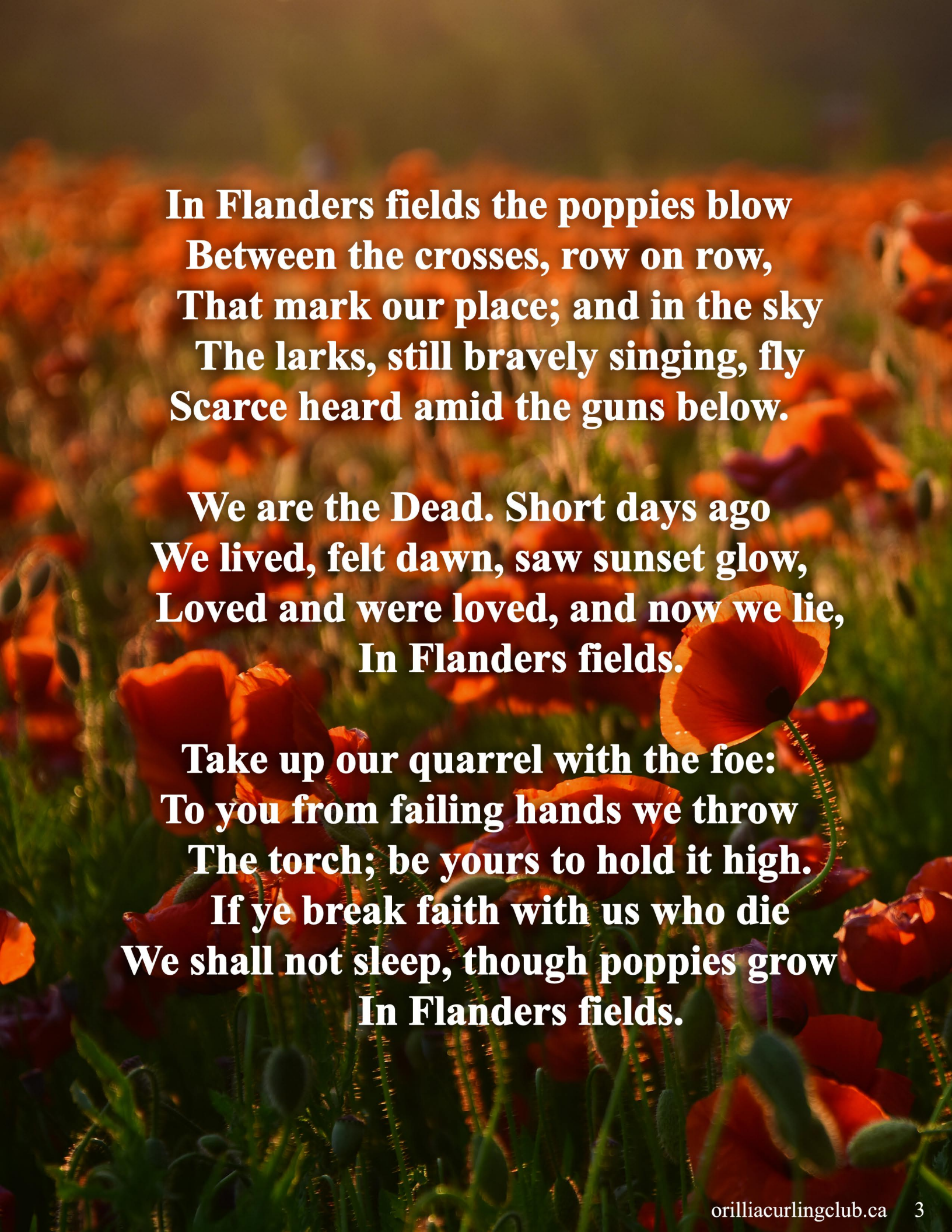
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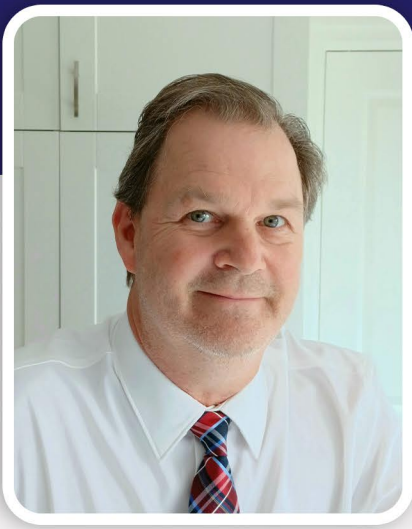




**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.**



Don's Outgoing Message

Hi everyone.

As many of you know, I have decided to step down as the President of the Curling Club.

First, this was a fairly easy yet difficult decision to make.

After serving for 5 years, and gone through the Covid shut down, followed by the plant failure, seeing a decline in membership and revenue, we have managed to navigate the club back into great shape. Probably the best it has been in many years.

So for that reason, I feel things are running well and will continue to do so.

The easy part of this decision was helped by the fact that I had discussed my decision with Tim Kent. If you don't know Tim, he is a very smart, enthusiastic, approachable person that has brought many new ideas to the club and I feel he will continue to make it better.

But the President is just one person. I want to thank the board for all of their support, open mindedness, guidance, and patience that they have shown me over the years. They played a huge role for where we are today.

Lastly, you- the members. I have received a lot of encouraging support from members over the years, and hope this can continue on for Tim and the Board.

Thank you, I really enjoyed it.

Don Kinzinger



Tim's Incoming Message

Hi everyone,

I'm excited (and a little humbled!) to step into the role of President of the Orillia Curling Club.

I first joined OCC in 2018 and became part of the Board in 2022. Over that time, I've had the pleasure of meeting so many wonderful people — and making some great new friends both on

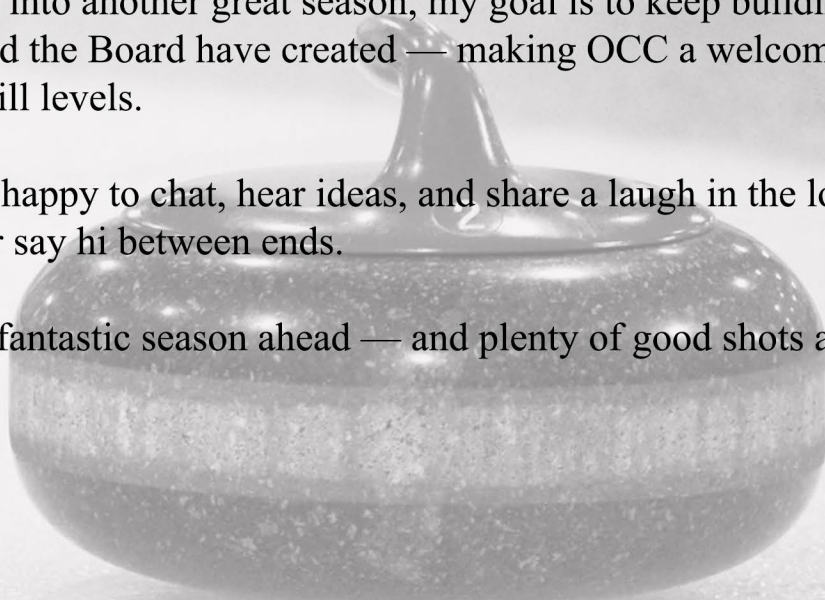
and off the ice.

What's always stood out to me is how much heart this club has. From the laughter in the lounge to the friendly competition on the sheets, the OCC community truly embodies the spirit of curling — fun, friendship, and fair play.

As we head into another great season, my goal is to keep building on the strong foundation that Don and the Board have created — making OCC a welcoming place for curlers of all ages and skill levels.

I'm always happy to chat, hear ideas, and share a laugh in the lounge, so don't hesitate to reach out or say hi between ends.

Here's to a fantastic season ahead — and plenty of good shots and good spirits! 🏹



Orillia Sunshine Rockers

Article by: Barb Horne

The Special Olympics curling team are happy to be back on the ice, and are preparing for a fun spiel in Gravenhurst on December 6.

Four athletes will also be participating in tankard playdowns in Midland on November 29, and will be preparing for provincial qualifiers to be held in March.



President Don Kinzinger Steps Down

Article by: Lizz Ross

Don Kinzinger stepped down from his role as Club President at this year's annual meeting.

To honour Don and thank him for his many contributions to the Club over the past five years, he was presented with one of the Club's antique curling stones, fitted with a commemorative plate. Thank you, Don!

Tim Kent, previously the Club's Vice President, was elected as the new President. Welcome, Tim!



Upcoming Important Dates

November

November 15, 2025

Newbie Bonspiel

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

November 22, 2025

Hewitt Farms Spiel

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

December

December 6, 2025

Santa Spiel

Orillia Curling Club | 9:00am - 3:00pm

December 20, 2025 - January 4, 2026

Orillia Curling Club closed for the holiday season.





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