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OCC Board's Message



Greetings OCC Members Past, Present, and Prospective!

Don is out of the country taking a well-earned break, so this message comes to you on behalf of the rest of the board.

Open House & Online Registration

We hope everyone had a great summer, although most of us would agree that it went by way too quickly!! So ... believe it or not, curling season is right around the corner with the Open House on Sept 16 & 17 from 10-2 at Barnfield.

Online registration is NOW OPEN so make sure you register well before October 1st. This allows convenors time to organize teams in readiness for the October 10th season start. And ... just in case you've forgotten ... your username is FirstName-LastName (don't forget the dash -) and your password can be reset by clicking the Forgot Your Password? link. You'll get a temporary password which you can change once logged in.

OCC Community Events & Membership Drive

We've had a busy summer hosting social events including: Golf, Lawn Bowling and Euchre. These events provide opportunities for members to re-connect and also to introduce others to OCC's friendly community.

We really need all members to help spread the word and to encourage others to try curling!! The club has lots of different membership options to accommodate different schedules - full year/half year/ and NEW THIS YEAR - the PLAYER's CARD. The Player's Card allows the card holder to play in Tag league games or, to spare in set Team leagues for a total of 11 games. Check out the website for more information.

Convenors Needed

We are looking for volunteers to run the Sunday morning Competitive CYO and the Sunday afternoon Recreational CYO, so PLEASE let us know if you are interested!

OCC Board's Message



Schedule Changes and New Leagues

Don has been super busy working behind the scenes especially negotiating with the city for a 5 year contract and to make adjustments to the curling schedule to accommodate the curling membership.

The results from the membership survey conducted last spring have been shared with league convenors and the board has used the results to help set the direction for the Club.

Major schedule changes are:

- No more 8:30pm draws (which were not favoured by members)
- We have secured the ice for the full day on Sundays
- Sunday leagues are:
 - Competitive - Choose Your Own team
 - Youth
 - Adult Learn to Curl/Clinics & Pay to Play
 - Recreational - Choose Your Own team (or, sign up as an individual, and we'll match you up with a team)
- Doubles league has moved to Monday nights at 6:30pm
- Thursday Mixed league now has 2 draws at 3pm & 6:30pm

150th Anniversary of OCC!

Lastly, this year marks 150 years since the Orillia Curling Club was established. We will be planning an event to celebrate this major milestone and will also have items with the special 150 logo available to purchase.

As you can see, there's lots going on ... so make sure you check out the website for more information!!

OCC Open House

Well September is here and alas ... we reluctantly bid adieu to the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer!!

On the bright side - we have the great good fortune of being able to look forward to getting back on the ice and connecting with all our Curling friends, both old and new! And ... PLEASE ... encourage any of your, up until now, non-curling friends to join us this year. The more the merrier!!

We want to expand our curling family and promote this wonderfully social sport!!

Online registration is open now and is just a few clicks away on the website!

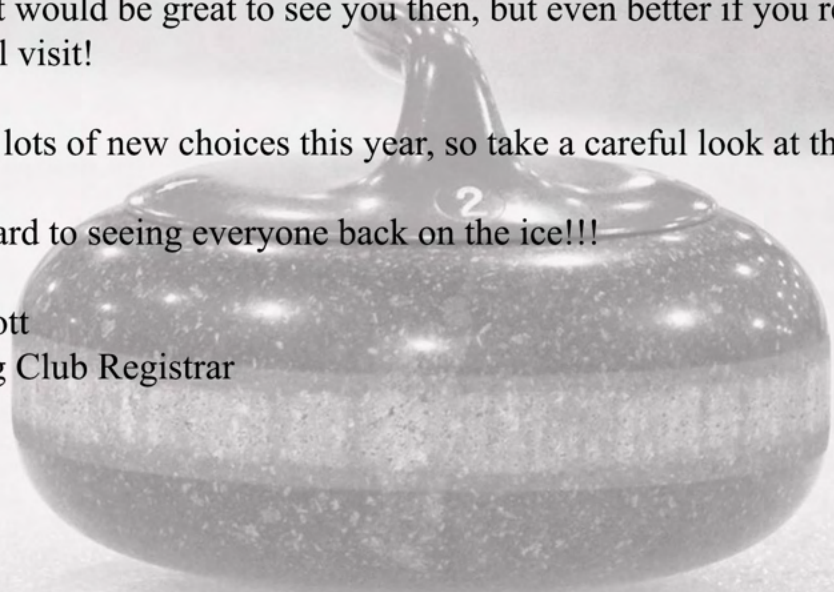
Simply sign in and select "Membership Signup" from the "Members Home" drop down menu. Remember - your username is FirstName-LastName and your password is of your own creation. If you've forgotten your password, just select "Forgot your password?" and the site will send you a temporary password.

In-person registration days will be held on Saturday, September 16th and Sunday, September 17th from 10 - 2. It would be great to see you then, but even better if you register online, and just come out for a social visit!

FYI, there are lots of new choices this year, so take a careful look at the website before you decide!!

Looking forward to seeing everyone back on the ice!!!

Sandy Furzeczott
Orillia Curling Club Registrar



Wednesday Night Ladies Summer Socials

The Wednesday Night Ladies Curling League has a unique way of staying together through the off season of curling.

These ladies have created "Summer Socials", where once a month, one person from the league volunteers to host a dinner and social evening at their home.

They have found this is a great way to stay in touch, invite past team members, and enjoy an evening out!

Each month, starting in June, until September a summer social event took place where these ladies were able to get together and play lawn games and progressive euchre.

The host volunteers were as follows:

June 14, 2023 - Claire Gingrich

July 17, 2023 - Nancy Amos

August 23, 2023 - Janet Orser-Madigan

September 13, 2023 - Julie Allison

We hope to see all of you out on the ice this fall!



Lawn Bowling

Curlers try their skills at Lawn Bowling on June 11, 2023.

A drizzly day didn't dampen the enthusiasm on the Orillia Bowling Green on Sunday!

The Orillia Lawn Bowling Club hosted the Orillia Curling Club for an afternoon introduction to the fun and social sport of Lawn Bowling.

After some orientation to the bowls and the rudiments of the game, they got right down to competition! The similarities between Curling and Lawn Bowling became apparent very early on, and everyone showed terrific form right from the start!

A great way to spend a not-so-beautiful Sunday afternoon!!

Thank you to Greg Irvine and Sandy Furzeczott for organizing this event. They also had help from Shirley Healey, Sue O'Neill, Carole Francey and Jim Hoover.



OCC Golf & Euchre Tournament

What a memorable day we had on September 9th during our Golf and Euchre Tournament. With 40 enthusiastic participants, beautiful weather, and fantastic sponsors, it was a day to remember at Couchiching Golf Course.

A Winning Combination

The day began with the perfect blend of competition and camaraderie as our members and guests gathered to participate in this unique event, thanks to the diligent coordination of Charlene Ley, Liz Ross, and Tim Kent. Their dedication and hard work ensured that the tournament ran smoothly from start to finish.

Our fantastic volunteers, Lesley Rice and Lori Gillespie, deserve special recognition for handling the raffle and for Connor who came out and took some amazing pictures. Their efforts helped create an unforgettable experience for all attendees.

Generous Sponsors

We were proud to have a group of generous sponsors supporting our tournament. Orillia Steer and Stop took center stage with their sponsorship of the \$5,000 hole-in-one contest – a thrilling opportunity that had every golfer aiming for greatness. Our heartfelt thanks also go to Wes Brennan Construction, Giovanni + Perri, Allstar Pest Control, Morris & Company Construction, and Don Kinzinger, President of Orillia Curling Club, who sponsored a hole in honor of our 150th Anniversary.

Tiffin's Creative Centre also joined us in making the day extra special with their support. Their dedication to our community and events like these is truly commendable.

Golfing Excitement and Euchre Thrills

The tournament featured a variety of activities to engage everyone. The "Putter less" putting contest challenged participants to test their precision and control, bringing out the competitive spirit in all of us.

The Scramble 4, 2, 1 format added an element of teamwork to the golf competition. Golfers joined forces to navigate the course, showcasing their skills and enjoying the companionship of fellow players.

For those who preferred a different kind of challenge, the Euchre Tournament was a hit. Card tables buzzed with laughter and friendly rivalry as players tried their luck and skill in this classic card game.

OCC Golf & Euchre Tournament

Prizes and Excitement

As if the day couldn't get any better, we had an array of raffle prizes that left everyone excited. Lucky winners walked away with fantastic gifts, and the 50/50 draw added an element of suspense as we waited to see who would take home the big prize.

Wrapping up the day, cash prizes were awarded to individuals based on a combination of their golf and euchre skills.

A Day to Remember

In summary, the Golf and Euchre Tournament on September 9th was a tremendous success. The combination of golfing excitement, card game thrills, generous sponsors, and the wonderful Couchiching Golf and Country Club community made it a day to remember.

We want to express our gratitude to everyone who participated, sponsored, volunteered, and attended. Your support and enthusiasm make events like these possible and help strengthen the bonds of our club.

As we move forward, let's carry the spirit of camaraderie and celebration with us. We look forward to this next curling season with more fantastic events and many more years of making memories together.

Warm regards,
Charlene Ley, Orillia Curling Club



OCC Golf & Euchre Tournament - Photos



OCC Board Hard at Work

Your OCC Board has been hard at work meeting every month throughout the year.

We took the opportunity to meet outside at Liz and Paul Ross's place for the August 9th meeting.

It was nice to take advantage of the beautiful evening and surroundings.



*Back row - Don Kinzinger, Tim Kent, Charlene Ley, Paul Kuznecov.
Front row - Nancy Bowers, Liz Ross, and Sandy Furzeczott. Missing from the picture is Cathy Gould.*

OCC Euchre Tournament

Great Progressive Euchre Tourney held on Aug. 26th at the Legion.

Over 70 people attended this fundraising event, resulting in a total contribution to the Orillia Curling Club of about \$1200.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Special thanks to Tim Kent for the help in organizing the event. Along with a shout out to Francis and Robin Laking for the silent auction donation (Dough Bowl) as well as Liz and Paul Ross (Cheese Board).

50/50 Winners included our very own Charlene Ley and Lynn Abernathy. Players enjoyed the cash bar prices and the sandwiches, snacks and dessert bites purchased from the Legion Ladies Auxillary - Thanks! The Legion passes along an invitation to curlers for the open, non-competitive darts event held at the Legion every Friday night (\$6 Entry).

Julie and I wish to acknowledge the ongoing volunteerism of the Orillia Curling Club Board Members as well as the individual, league convenors - Thank You! We look forward to seeing all of you in the not too distant future at the rink or just around town!



18-Hole Golf Tournament

On Saturday May 27th, the Orillia Curling Club held its annual 18-hole golf tournament at Hawk Ridge.

There were 52 entrants in this fun event where the weather was perfect for both golf and an outdoor meal at the pavilion.

The format was an 18-hole scramble and the winning team was Ted Devine, Georg Leber, Brian Peterson and Paul Ross with a fine score of 8 under par.

Scores were aided by the purchase of 2 mulligans, 2 re-putt mulligans and 2 “move ups” to the forward tees. Close behind at 7 under were Ron and Alison Johnston with Dean and Kathy Campbell. Also tied at -7 were Randy Ley, Rick Cooke, Pat Foley and Brian Bales.

The 100-item prize table was modestly estimated at over \$2,000 value by some (but actually purchased by Rob and Wes for just over \$75 in shrewd garage sale purchases) and kind donations from Home Hardware, Wes Brennan Construction, Don Corrick Wine Experience, Terry Smith CPGA pro, Brewery Bay and Paul Ross Woodworking.

Winners received \$50 gift cards care of Home Hardware and Dave Best was the lucky winner of the coveted curling membership draw.

Special mention to all those prize winners who ended up in the water, sand, forest, out of bounds or short of the hog line on the assigned holes. Almost 50 winners, likely better curlers than they are golfers.

It was a fun format with lots of laughs and a good off season social for the club.

Looking forward to next year but with a bigger turn out to make it even more successful.



18-Hole Golf Tournament - Photos



Upcoming Important Dates / Club Notes

September

September 16, 2023

In-Person Registration Day!

Barnfield Point Recreation Center | 10:00am - 2:00pm

September 17, 2023

In-Person Registration Day!

Barnfield Point Recreation Center | 10:00am - 2:00pm

October

October 7, 2023

Practice Ice & Learn to Curl for New Members

Barnfield Point Recreation Center | 9:00am - 6:00pm

October 8, 2023

Practice Ice & Learn to Curl for New Members

Barnfield Point Recreation Center | 9:00am - 6:00pm

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





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