



Editor's Desk

Having curled for close to 50 years I have seen many changes to this sport. Changes that have been necessary due to changing ice conditions, techniques and equipment.

The past 2 years have been no different with the broom controversy of 2015/16 and the ruling that came down as a result not only restricting material but color. As we approach this Olympics more significant changes to the 'Auld Game' are coming for the next Olympic cycle that will challenge players in competition and club play as well. I look forward to meeting these new challenges and the next evolution to the game as it moves into the future.

Future Stars



Renfrew Curling Rink is very proud to be sending 3 of our Junior Curlers to the Future Stars Program at the Roar of the Rings. Pictured here are Hannah Cameron, Shanna Beauchamp and Calen St. Denis who will appear at the Roar of the Rings in December along with other Junior curlers from around the Ottawa Valley.

I big thank you to Tammy Wall, Ben Oakes, Diane Burns, Brian Hewitt and the team of volunteers who have done a great job with our Junior and Little Rocks Program. Numbers have grown on Thursday afternoons and there is a high-performance group working with Tammy, who has a Level 1 Coach rating, on Sundays.

These are our future curlers and deserve all the support we can give them.

Winter is Here and With it Slippery Walks



Once again winter is upon us and we are asking our Members for their help to keep every one safe while complying with Fire Safety Regulations. This means keeping all the club's access door's clear at all times, inside and out. There are four access doors into our building which have to be kept clear at all times.

- The front door, concrete landing, aluminum ramp and both interlock stone landings and stairs.
- The service entrance door located at the side, the concrete landing and interlock stone pathway, (to the garbage bin). Also, the gas meter just around the corner of the building.
- The rear access door to the Ice Shed, (Rink) and the new interlock stone landing.
- The side door to the Basement Mechanical Room and the new interlock landing.

Just inside each of these doors you will find a snow shovel and a container of salt, ready for action.

There is refill salt in the Men's Locker Room basement landing, for the salt jugs.

When we have snow and / or freezing rain event, please take a few moments to clean these areas up as soon as possible. Be a snow angel and save someone from serious injury.

Volunteer Wins Opening Weekend Tickets to the Roar

Congrats to Ben Oakes who won the draw for the opening weekend tickets. Ben has put a lot of volunteer hours into the club since joining. The tickets could not go to a more deserving person. Have a great weekend Ben!

2018 Men of Curling, \$29.95

<https://www.menofcurling.ca/>




Spaghetti Spiel

January 5 - 6
\$ 30/person
Contact Theresa & Karl Mann or
Sign-up at Ice Shed Door

Ammonia Safety

I am sure many of you saw the tragic news of the 3 killed in the ammonia leak at the rink in Fernie BC. Unfortunately, ammonia is a dangerous chemical an ice plant, including ours, uses to create and maintain artificial ice.

While the investigation is ongoing in Fernie and our Board is unable to comment on the causes of the accident we can assure our membership that the club has taken many and extraordinary steps to ensure that every precaution has been made to ensure a similar accident should not happen here. These steps include upgraded containment in the mechanical room when the ice plant and brine pipes were replaced, upgraded electrical systems, and installation of alarm systems that immediately notify an external monitoring company that can respond appropriately.

These upgrades have all been installed over the past 5 years and are inspected, at a minimum, annually. The Board takes the safety of our members, volunteers and contractors seriously. The latest project, upgrade of the alarm system, was led by Joe Kasaboski. Many thanks to David Anderson and Larry Beaton also for the continued excellent leadership.

Evolving the Game

If any of you have watched the Grand Slam of Curling you have watched the 5-rock rule in action. Players and spectators alike have enjoyed the change it has made to strategy and talk has become so loud that the World Curling Federation (WCF) has made a change to the rules for the next Olympic cycle from the 4-rock rule to the 5-rock rule. This means that a rock in the free guard zone cannot be removed from play until after the fifth rock is thrown.



It is expected that the Canadian Curling Association and Ontario Curling Association will follow shortly. In fact, the Alberta Curling Association has already made the rule change for the next season.

On another note there has been a lot of chatter on changing the rule on release point for stick curlers. The most popular being that the stick curler's foot can not cross the tee-line. The rationale for this is safety for sweepers and curlers in the house as proficient stick curlers can get the rock going very fast. However, after reviewing proposed WCF rules I can see no change at this time. Stay posted as this may yet happen.

Hydro Savings



Does the club seem a little brighter to you? It is! In the ice shed and in the club rooms, with less lighting! LED lights have been installed throughout. Add in the new brine system with a two-stage pump, an energy efficient ice plant, new bar fridges, removal of the old ice maker and the club is starting to see positive results in the hydro bill. Our ever-conservative finance guy Tony (always good to have a conservative finance guy) is saying its too early to give empirical data but the financials year over year and budget tell a positive story so far.

And Now for Something Completely Different



Men's Qualifier

RECORDED WITH **MICK TANKARD 2018** HUNTSVILLE

December 15- 16
Road to the Tim Hortons Brier
At the Renfrew Curling Club
Great Competition! So come out to watch the greats!

Plan Your **Christmas Shopping**
in Our Pro Shop

SR MEN'S BREAKFAST
Tuesday November 28
7:15 – 10:00 am

MENU
Scrambled Eggs
Peameal Bacon & Sausage
Baked Beans
Toast
Coffee & Juice

\$10/person

All proceeds to Rooky Rocks Program
RSVP: Don Rouble, Bill Bowles, Ron Townson, Larry Beaton or Barry Hanniman

Eat, Drink, Curl & be Merry