



Editor's Desk

I love the **SPORT** of curling. I emphasize sport as over the years there have been so many comments made to me from non-curlers how its 'really not a sport now, come on!' Having watched the trials this past weekend for mixed doubles I challenge anybody to attain the physical fitness required to throw a 44-pound rock accurately, with the right weight than jump up and sweep it the length of the ice. Not once, but three consecutive times for 8 ends, 2 games a day.

Mixed Doubles has come late to North America and Canada is rising to the challenge. There has been a lot of debate on this format being allowed at the Olympics from curlers and non-curlers alike. I say Hoo Rah! The more opportunity we have to elevate the sport the better. As for its physicality? Bring on the nay-sayers, curling is a sport requiring physical fitness and mental acuity.

Welcome to Our New Board Member

Introducing Dustin Zohr who has stepped up to take over Larry Beaton's position as Ice Director.

Born in Renfrew and raised in the Valley, Dustin graduated from Bishop Smith Catholic High School in Pembroke, and Humber College in Toronto, as a Funeral Director.

He is married to Karen (O'Grady) from Eganville, and moved back to Renfrew in 1997. Dustin stated that they have settled in and raised our 3 children in this fantastic town of Renfrew. They own Zohr Family Funeral Home Inc. and currently operate funeral homes in Killaloe, Eganville and Renfrew.

Karen & Dustin joined the club last year and truly enjoy the social aspect and skill of the game. Dustin has previously served on the Renfrew Jr. B Timberwolves Executive as: President, Treasurer, Director, General Manager and Coach. He is also a member of the Renfrew Golf Club, Renfrew Millionaires Hockey Club and the West Carleton Cross Country Ski Club, at Fitzroy Park.

Dustin is not hard to find. His jovial laugh and positive attitude light the club up. His energy and fresh ideas are a welcome addition to the Board.



Cleanliness is next to...

After a game there is often a disconnect between ice conditions and how players think the ice affected their game. Players rarely stop to think about the effect they have on the ice surface. We have a lot more to do with creating our on-ice environment than we think.

Be nice to the ice. Keep hands, fingers, knees or rear end off the ice.

Maintain your gripper. Debris left behind from old grippers can be a nightmare. Purchase a new gripper every season and give it a good wash with soap and water a couple times a year.

Maintain/clean your slider to keep from gouging the ice, and replace scratched sliders.

Maintain/clean your broom regularly with soap, water and a scrub brush. Brush loose dirt off between washings.

What not to wear! Fleece and sweaters that have balls and pants that have hairs on them.

While on the topic; some of our members are receiving viral emails from other members. Please ensure computers have up to date anti-viral software that conducts regular checks. Be careful opening suspicious. Be vigilante and don't spread computer viruses with the same care you take with your physical health.





Winner's Circle at Best Western

Congratulations to Yvonne Sklepowicz, with Laurie Millar, Gail Keyes and Anne Windle who won the Best Western Challenge D-championship, 7-6 in extra ends over Dixie's Clark rink. Yvonne's rink went 3 and 2 overall. The two teams they lost to won the A and B flights.



Sparing Fees Clarified

The Board raised sparing fees to \$15 for non-members and \$12 for single league members sparing in a different league last season. Sparing is included in unlimited membership. The fee of \$10 applies only to the Friday night Community League which has a different fee structure from all other leagues.

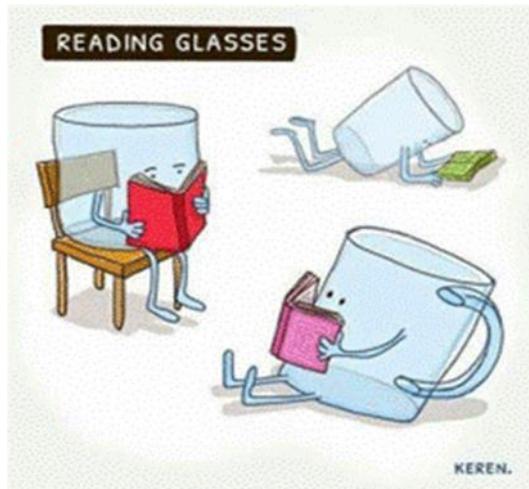
Because there has been confusion in the collection of the fees this year, the decision has been made to complete the 2017-2018 season with the spares fee for members set at \$10 with a plan to raise the fee to \$12 next season. Non-members will still pay \$15.

The entire fee structure is reviewed every year and adjusted to fit the financial needs of the club. The Board welcomes your suggestions or comments on the back of the Registration Form or by email at renfrewcurling@nrtco.net

To ensure members maximize their curling experience the guideline for finding a spare is to first as a bye team member, then a name from the spare list followed by a member from other leagues and last but not least a non-member

While collection of fees is based on an honour system we have asked that skips collect the fees and place them in an envelope in the bar.

Now for Something Completely Different



Club Mixed Championship
 Sat., Sun. Feb. 24,25
 Cost: \$25 per person
 Entry Deadline:
 Mon. Feb. 19, 8.00 pm




WANTED

Marketing & Communications Director

See Bulletin Board for Role or ask a Board member

Did You Know?

If a player delivers a stone out of proper rotation, the end continues as if the mistake had not occurred. The player who missed a turn delivers the last stone for that team in that end. If it cannot be determined which player delivered out of proper rotation, the player who delivered the first stone in the end for that team delivers the last stone for that team in that end.