



Editor's Desk

The Olympics are over and while we won a surprising gold in mixed doubles the sounds of disappointment of not medalling in the regular team curling have been loud. Am I disappointed yes. However, I have to admit I have never seen a stronger field at the Olympics. No longer is curling the sport of Canada, Scotland and the Nordic countries. Canada can take medalling for granted no longer. We have been put on notice. So, what has to change?

It is noteworthy that most of the other teams had ample time and notice they would be the Olympians of choice. Nick Edin's Team know months in advance. In Canada our teams play in the Grand Slam tour once a month, play through a strenuous 4-year cycle of competitions and bonspiels to accumulate sufficient points just to qualify for the Olympic pre-trials and trials., which by the way are held six short weeks prior to the Olympics. And just to make things interesting they play in the Continental Cup before they go. All this while juggling families and jobs. I'm exhausted just thinking about it.

Is this the life they choose? Yes. But surely our country could do something about timing so our Olympians don't arrive to compete in the biggest competition of their career already at a disadvantage. By the way, this is all good news for the sport!

Renfrew Hosts First Junior Bonspiel

Renfrew Curling Rink hosted a Junior Bonspiel on Sunday February 18 that was well attended not only by our own Junior and Little Rock members but also Junior curlers from Valley Clubs. Food was donated by the parents of Renfrew's Juniors and our Junior Program volunteers coordinated the day and provided supervision.

The kids had a great time, some going home with draw prizes that were also donated.

A big thank you to Tammy Wall and all her volunteers and the parents who made this day such a great success!



Mixed Club 'A' Champions



The team Skipped by (L-R) Rob Warren, Laurie Millar, Ron Townson, Anne MacNeil

Closing Dinner & Dance

April 21
Tickets on Sale Now at Bar

Doubles Curling

Sun. Mar 18, 7 pm
Tue. Mar 20, 7 pm
No need to have a partner,
Just come & play

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AGM
Tuesday June 12, 7 pm

Early Spring Registration Rates to Be Offered

The Board is researching early bird registration rates to start this spring in the hope of attracting new members and maintaining existing members. The Board has also applied for a Municipal Grant to help pay for a new roof over the ice shed in order to address the leaks that keep cropping up.

And Now for Something Completely Different



A man walking along a California beach was deep in prayer. Suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, the Lord said, "Because you have TRIED to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish."

The man said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can drive over anytime I want." The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that would honor and glorify me."

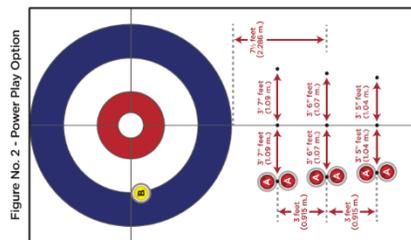
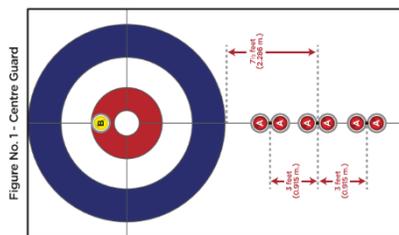
The man thought about it for a long time. Finally, he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand my wife. I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says 'nothing's wrong,' and how I can make a woman truly happy."

The Lord replied, "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

Mixed Doubles Simplified

Given our club would like to start a league of doubles curling this would be a good time to review the format/rules and talk about some of the advantages for our members and potential members.

- ✓ two-person team
- ✓ deliver five (5) stones per end.
- ✓ the player delivering the team's first stone of the end must also deliver the team's last stone of the end.
- ✓ the other team member delivers the team's second, third and fourth stones for that end.
- ✓ the player delivering the first stone can change from end to end.
- ✓ No stone in play, including the "positioned" stones and those in the house, can be removed from play prior to the delivery of the fourth stone of an end
- ✓ the team with the 'hammer', or last stone advantage, has a choice with where to place the stationary stones before an end of play begins. Unless the team has requested a 'Power Play' the two stationary stones are placed at the far end of the sheet, bisecting the sheet's centre line, as in Figure 1
- ✓ a Power Play can be requested by a team with hammer once per game and the stones can be placed in the wings as per Figure 2



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Junior Curling Family Bonspiel

Sunday March 18

All are welcome to play!

Instruction session at 1:00 pm

For more info see Junior
Renfrew Curling on Facebook
or Contact Tammy Wall at
TammyWall@gmail.com

Midtown Flooring Community 'Spiel

March 22 – 24

Public Welcome

Legends & Social Draws

Contact Ben Oakes

Why should RCR promote a league of doubles, what are the advantages? The game is fast. Most times it can be played in just over an hour. With 2 players and less time to play its is a much smaller commitment for younger members to fit in to busy life styles. Finally, this is a growing, format in the sport of curling. A great new way to enjoy the 'auld' sport!