

Renfrew Curling Times



February 2024

Congratulations Club Champions

The Club Championship was a great success and well attended with 8 women's teams and 8 men's teams. A big thank you to Laurie Millar and Anne MacNeil for all their hard work in making the event happen. Another big thank you to all the volunteers from Ice to kitchen and everything in between who assisted in making the weekend a success. Men's champions will be posted in a later issue.

Congratulations to our ladies winners:



A Flight Winner L-R:
Beth Ellis (2nd), Theresa Mann
(skip), Anne MacNeil/ Nancy
Connor's (3rd) Anne Lewis (lead)



A Flight Runner-up L-R: Yvonne
Sklepowicz(skip), Maryjane
Swanson (2nd), Anne Windle
(3rd), Micheline Blondin (lead)



B Flight Winner L-R:
Connie Matthew's (lead), Louise
Bowles (2nd), Sue Beaton (3rd)
Pam McFarlane (skip)



B Flight Runner-up L-R:
Nancy Saumure (3rd), Ann
Hutchinson (2nd), Gail Keyes
(skip), Heather Graham (lead)

Donation Received for Junior Curling in Renfrew

The club received a generous donation from a former member this fall to support our Junior Curlers. This individual was appreciative of the support he received as a junior at Renfrew Curling Club. A small portion of this money was used for some equipment available for our junior curlers. The club has matched this donation along with help from the Tuesday Ladies Group and other members. The fund's objective is to promote and support curling programs such as Little Rocks, Juniors and Adult Learn to Curl. Support of these programs either through funding or volunteering is vital to the growth of the sport, not just in Renfrew but elsewhere as well.

And Now for Something Completely Different



Curling 360: "Experience tells you what to do; Confidence allows you to do it" Stan Smith



Curling Etiquette

"...Imagine if everyone respected their teammates and opponents in life, shook hands after every confrontation and brought each other a drink...
...Imagine if we all stood still while others were concentrating on their life's work, offering encouragement, not distraction.
...Imagine if we celebrated our opponents', as well as our own accomplishments.

No, it's not a perfect world, but it could be. And it is ~ on a sheet of curling ice!"

Life is just one endless sheet of ice.
Keep Curling!

Do You Know...

While the goal is to score whether you have hammer or are stealing it is important to note that strategy, offense or defense, changes as a result of the scoreboard.

Scoreboard strategy is strategy defined by the spread of points on the scoreboard. When your team is up multiple points the strategy is defense. Keep the house clean. Play takeouts and avoid guards. With hammer play your opening rocks through the house. The 5-rock rule makes it is very easy to score without hammer. If you are up multiple points without hammer play into the house, again, keep the front open.

What do you do when down multiple points? This is where aggressive strategy comes into play providing an opportunity to score multiple points in an end. It also means there is an opportunity to lose multiple points so execution is key. This is a guard, draw, freeze, chip and tap strategy. When take-outs become necessary, use backhouse and hack weight to keep your rock in play and create rocks at the back of the house to jam on. Take-outs missed means another rock unable to score.



Early plans to promote our Club for next season are underway. If you are creative, have a skillset in sales or marketing or are just interested in helping, we would love to have you join us.

Please contact Nancy Saumure at saumurenancy@gmail.com for further information.

Renfrew Curling Rink
Presents
Music Night
Friday March 1
8:00 – 11:00 PM
All are Welcome!
Come out and enjoy the sounds of
The Grey Street Duo

Renfrew Curling Club Breakfast
Everyone Welcome!
Tuesday March 12 7– 10 am
Breakfast includes
Scrambled Eggs
Pancakes
Peameal Bacon & Sausage
Baked Beans
Toast
\$10/person
Bring a Friend...Public Welcome!
Proceeds to Renfrew Curling Rink
For more information contact
Don Rouble, Bill Bowles, Ron Townson, Larry Beaton,
Bernie Leclair or Barry Hamman

Renfrew Curling Rink
**Cash on the Wall Doubles
BONSPIEL**
Saturday, February 24
3 6-end Games,
Entry Fee- \$80 /person (incl. HST)
Includes Lunch, Dinner and Cash Prizes
Bring your Toonies for Toonie Toss
Prize 40 Ounce Bottle
Members enter the Chili Cook-off
For more information contact
Tammy Wall at tammywall@gmail.com or
renfrewcurling@gmail.com
Sign up on the peach bulletin board

Renfrew Curling Rink
**CHILI
Cook-Off**
Saturday, February 24
All members welcome to enter
No Entry Fee
Drop entries in a slow cooker by
3pm Feb 24 with your name
Bar Voucher for prize
For more information contact
Tammy Wall at tammywall@gmail.com or
Peter Crate at peter.crate12@gmail.com

Kudos Wall

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| Brian Hewitt for installing the flooring in the storage & cloak rooms, and Brian Yolkowski for the donation of supplies. | Bill Bowles, Ron Townson, Bernie Leclair, Don Rouble, Matt St Louis, Bob Hay, Cliff Valleau, Brian Hewitt, Keith Moss - another successful Mens' Breakfast | Anne MacNeil, Marg Dawson, Laurie Millar, Denis Saumure for another successful Club Championship weekend |
| Marg Dawson for organizing Autumn Leaves | Karl and Theresa Mann for another successful Spaghetti 'Spiel, Spaghetti Spiel | Joan Eaton and Louise Bowles for organizing and serving the Friendlies Lunch |
| Peter Crate for organizing Music Night | Bill Bowles for organizing the Friendlies | Brian Yolkowski for installing the boot sweeper at the front door |

And all the many Kitchen and Ice volunteers

**CURLING
SPORT WEAR**
150 Anniversary
Crested Jackets & Hoodies
For more info. contact
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Keep our Club Clean

- Please clean your boots at the door with the newly installed boot cleaner.
- Glitter while pretty is not a friend on the ice surface. Please **no** glitter.
- Replace old clean grippers and broom heads. Clean newer equipment regularly. Keep a nail brush in your locker and give everything a good scrub before heading out on the ice.



The Ice Tech, volunteers and players thank you for keeping our club clean!