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## From The Editor's Desk

Welcome to a new curling season. To start the year on the right foot, this issue will focus on coaching to enhance your game. I look forward to seeing you on the ice and putting all these learnings into practice.

## Strategy Basics

<b>Basic Strategy</b> – With hammer <b>Objective</b> – Score 2 <b>Strategy</b> – Keep the 4' clear, call to the corners	
<b>Basic Strategy</b> – Without hammer <b>Objective</b> – Steal or keep opponent to 1 <b>Strategy</b> Control/block the 4', call to the centre	
<b>Basic Strategy</b> – Mapping the ice <b>Objective</b> – Learning the path of the rock at different speeds <b>Strategy</b> – Use the t-line as a measuring stick. Place the broom on the t-line when calling your shots	
<b>Basic Strategy</b> – Team Work <b>Objective</b> – Managing the rock path <b>Strategy</b> – Sweepers call weight/speed. Skip calls line. Communication is critical.	

## Closing The Game

- In a close game without hammer play lots of guards and raises... 'junk it up' and try to steal. This is an aggressive strategy and has greater risk but greater rewards.
- In close game (down points) with hammer its critical to keep the 4' foot open. Don't waist rocks with take-outs. Opponent rocks at the back of the house are your friends. Keep the front of the house and guard zone open using ticks and raises to the back of the house. Again, this is an aggressive strategy with greater risk but also with greater rewards.
- In a game where you are up multiple points with hammer now is the time to play defensively. Keep the guard zone and house clean, don't worry about losing shooters, get opponent rocks out of play, particularly in the guard zone.
- Up 1 point with hammer keep the path to the 4' foot open. All you have to do is score one. Play defensively and keep paths open.

## Curling Etiquette

- Clean your shoes before entering the ice shed and frequently clean your broom during play and between games.
- Be ready to deliver your stone as soon as the opposing team has delivered theirs.
- Clean your rock before delivering it to remove any debris that may be trapped underneath.
- Sweepers should stand to the sides of the sheet and between the hog lines when the opponent is delivering their stone.
- Do not cross the ice sheet when your opponent is delivering the rock
- At the conclusion of each end only the thirds are in the house until they have agreed on the score.
- Be aware of the games on the sheets beside you. Don't walk behind their sheets while someone is delivering a stone. Don't walk on their sheet while they are throwing the stones.

Come see what's NEW!

**Goldline**  
The Choice of Champions

**POP UP SHOP**

Renfrew Curling Rink  
Friday, October 25  
2:00 – 7:00

Renfrew Curling Rink  
Presents

**Music Night**  
Friday November 1  
7:30 – 11:30 PM

All are Welcome!  
Come out and enjoy the sounds of Second Gear  
Patti and Rick Hass & Co.

**Community Bonspiel**  
Saturday October 26  
\$60 per person (incl. \$6.90 HST)

Includes: Lunch, Prizes, Two six-end games  
50 / 50 Draw

Draw to the button challenge

Donations gratefully accepted to the Renfrew Food Bank  
Sign-up on Peach Bulletin Board at club

For more information contact [roy.vasey@sympatico.ca](mailto:roy.vasey@sympatico.ca)

A Cornerstone of our Community for 150 years  
Renfrew Curling Rink  
**150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA**









**Saturday, November 16, 2024**  
Dinner and Dance

Doors Open at 5:30 \$65.00 each (incl. \$7.46 HST)

For tickets or info call 613-432-9776 or email [gertbrydges@sympatico.ca](mailto:gertbrydges@sympatico.ca)

## Sweeping and Understanding the Skip

Sweeping is an integral part of the game and is as much in the sweepers hands as it is in the skip's yells. Sweepers assess and call weight. Skips call line. So, it is essential that sweepers understand what is being asked for by the skip as much as the thrower is. Additionally, sweepers need to let the skip know if the rock is fast or slow. Communication is key as the speed of the rock affects the line. Finally, sweeping early speeds up the rock and keeps it straight. Sweeping late drags the rock in the curl already started.

 <p>The Skip holds out their 'LEFT' hand. The stone is turned in an 'ANTI-CLOCKWISE' direction or out turn</p>	 <p>The Skip holds out their 'right' hand. The stone is turned in an 'CLOCKWISE' direction or in turn</p>	 <p>The skip holds the broom above the head for a tap back. This is firm draw weight</p>	 <p>The Skip will tap their ankle to indicate a 'Hack Weight'. Hack weight is where the stone should stop at the hack and no further.</p>
 <p>The Skip will tap their hip or the boards to indicate a 'Bumper Weight'. Bumper weight is where the stone should stop at the boards and no further.</p>	 <p>The Skip will tap their elbow or tummy 'Normal Weight'. Normal weight is the most comfortable weight you throw accurately.</p>	 <p>The Skip will tap their shoulder for Control Weight'. Control weight is where the rock rebounds off the back board and stops halfway to the house.</p>	 <p>The Skip will tap their head for Peel or up Weight'. Peel weight is heavy takeout and not generally used by club curlers accurately</p>

### Forgot Your Password!?

When you forget your username or password

- > Click on Forgot your Username or Password
- > Fill in your user id or email
- > Click on Get Your Username or
- > Click on Reset Password

An email will be sent to you with specific instructions or you user id.

## Ice Tech Shed is Almost Completely

The construction on a new Ice Tech shed is almost done! The addition improves the working conditions for these critical members of our club. A big thank you to OTF (Ontario Trillium Foundation) for their continued support.



## Volunteering with Ease

There are many ways to volunteer at the curling club. Ten hours add up very quickly and are not much to give, however when everyone volunteers, 10 hours adds up to many jobs done. There are 2 ways of reporting your volunteer hours.

Complete the [Record of Volunteer Hours](#) form (available on the web site) and:

1. Put it in the mailbox at the club
2. Send to [renfrewcurling@gmail.com](mailto:renfrewcurling@gmail.com)

Please continue to report all hours worked. This will help with applications for grants and planning within the club. We appreciate "all hands-on deck".

## Sponsor Corner



A huge thankyou to our long term platinum sponsor Jon Wall and Wall to Wall Ice. We are very lucky to have Jon as our Ice Tech. He not only takes care of our ice, but cares for many curling ice surfaces in the valley. He is also in much demand as an ice tech on the curling circuit, all while managing a young family. Many thanks Jon for all your support through the years and our excellent ice.

### A Winner

Brian Purdie is the lucky winner in the Draw at New-To-The- Frew. Brian indicated he would be joining us in the Learn to Curl program. Congratulations Brian and welcome!

### RCR Breakfast

Tuesday, November 26,  
7 – 10 AM

\$10/person

Bring a Friend...Public Welcome!

Proceeds to Renfrew Curling Rink

## And Now for Something Completely Different



A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."