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From Our Ice Technician's Desk

Hello! My name is Jon Wall, owner of WALL-2-WALL Ice. WALL-2-WALL Ice is a locally owned and operated company providing facilities and events with ice making services. Aside from that, we are the Eastern Ontario Distributor and Representative for Jet Ice and Canada Curling Stone Company.

Our services include the following:

- Ice Installation and Painting Services
- Season Long Ice Making Contracts
- Consulting Services for ice and facility improvements.
- Ice Technician Training Clinics (Pebbling and Scraping)
- Event Ice Making Services for Tour (Grand Slam of Curling), National (Curling Canada) and International Championships (World Curling Federation)
- Sales and Service for Jet Ice (Water Treatment, Paint, Logos and Equipment)
- Sales and Service for Canada Curling Stone Co. (Ice Making Equipment)

HELP SUPPORT OUR FOOD BANK

Donations gratefully
accepted from late
November through
December



Growing up in the Ottawa Valley (Arnprior and of course, Renfrew), I was an avid curler. Once I moved to Ottawa to attend Algonquin College for a degree in Recreation Facilities Management, I was introduced to the ice making industry. From there, I set out in 2010 on my own business venture known as WALL-2-WALL Ice. After a few years of making ice in Ottawa, the opportunity came up to help out a home town rink with ice making services in the fall of 2014. Since then, I have been providing the Renfrew Curling Club with an array of services. An icemaker for a curling facility installs the ice at the beginning of each season, performs daily ice maintenance in terms of pebbling and scraping, mid-season ice resurfacing in the form of floods or controlled melts, then finishes the year with the ice removal process. In all of that, I provide the club with ice installation, mid-season maintenance and ice removal. On top of that, I also provide the club with training clinics for pebbling and scraping. Whether it be myself, or the club's volunteer ice makers, here a few helpful tips to keep the ice clean and free of 'curlers' debris.

1. Replace broom heads, gloves and grippers regularly, not annually or worse never.
2. Take your 'curling' clothes home and wash regularly, not annually.
3. Wear appropriate curling attire (nothing that could shed lint, glitter, down feathers, etc and no jeans!)
4. Be mindful of hands and knee prints, they can only be fixed with water which takes time to freeze and cannot be done in between games.
5. Keep your beverages on the back boards and not on the ice, hot or cold, if spilled they are not good for the ice.
6. Do not wear your curling shoes outside, you will track in unwanted dirt and salt onto the ice.
7. Do not lift the rocks, they are meant to slide on the ice. If you drop it, damage to the stone and the ice can happen.
8. Catch the rocks before they hit the boards and worse, the hacks. This damages the playing surface that requires a lengthy time to repair.

Good luck and good curling!

Practice Time

Sun., Nov. 24 from 6 - 7 pm
Sun., Dec. 15 from 2 - 3 pm.






Community 'Spiel

Thank you to Roy Vasey and Terry Dort for a successful and fun Community Spiel. Winners Team Rob Warren - Laurie Millar, Don Rouble, Faye Warren and Terry Dort and Team Keyes : Gail Keyes, Joan Eaton, Laura Hanson, Lyn Joyce



Speed Up Play!

5 MINUTES  Be ready to go on the ice 5 min. before the game start time.	ROCK READY!  Get your team mates rock out if they are not ready to throw	LEAD ON  Leads without hammer don't put rocks away, just get ready to throw	HACK IT!  The next player get ready to throw as soon as the opposition has released their stone	OUT OF ORDER  Don't put rocks away in order. Skips help by ordering rocks as they go out of play	STAY FOCUSED  Skips, plan your shots ahead of time. Players be aware of the what the play is
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Measuring Accurately

With all things, there's a correct way to measure. To start lets talk about which devise to use. Unless the rocks are close to the button the measuring stick (biter bar) is used. There are 2 measuring sticks at Renfrew located on each of the side walls. The laser should only be used when the rocks are close to the button. When using the measuring stick:

1. Lift the device with two hands. The right hand holds the device near the pin.
2. Approach the house from the hack (back). Avoid walking near or over any rocks in play.
3. Set the device down in the house away from the rocks (90 degrees away if possible). Lower the right hand last and set the point outside of the pin. Gently slide the point into the pin.
4. Turn the nob on the measure display to loosen and move it away from the inside of the rocks.
5. Move the device clockwise with a single finger to one of the rocks to be measured. Never press down on the bar as this may deflect the device and change the measure.
6. Move the display to a position where it is touching the rock and reads a measurement.
7. Move the device clockwise with a single finger to the next rock to be measured.
8. If the measurement is still in dispute continue to move the device clockwise all the way around and measue both stones again
9. Never pass back over a rock. Never swing the device counter clock wise. Each pass along a rock has the potential to move the rock.



To measue with the laser:



1. Place the pin of the laser measure in the center hole of the house.
2. Aim the laser measure at the stone you want to measure. The red dot should hit the center of the stone on the striking band
3. Turn on the laser beam by pressing the red arrow button.
4. Slowly move the laser dot across the center of the stone's striking band.
5. Watch the display for the lowest number and press the red arrow button to hold it.
6. Compare the measurement of the first rock to the second.

All Thay Glitters is not Gold

Please keep all glitter and sparkle at home or in a ballroom. It not only damages the ice surface; it damages the blades on the scraper and nipper. On another sartorial note, please where clothing that does not shed, and ladies with long hair, please tie it back.

Sponsor's Corner

From the moment I joined the Renfrew Curling Club, I was amazed to see the number of dedicated volunteers who work so hard to make it so successful. All the members are friendly, helpful, and supportive. It truly is a wonderful Club! Aikenhead's PharmaChoice has always believed strongly in giving back to the community that has supported it since 1938. Sponsoring the Renfrew Curling Club was an extremely easy decision to make!

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And Now for Something Completely Different

A retired Marine Corps sergeant decided to become a high school teacher. Just before the school year began, he hurt his back and had to wear a plaster cast around his upper chest. Luckily, the cast fit snugly under his shirt, so it wasn't noticeable.

On his first day, he was assigned to the unruliest group of students in the school. These clever troublemakers had already heard about their new teacher's military background and were eager to test his toughness. The Marine walked into the noisy classroom with a calm confidence, opened the window wide, and took his seat. When a strong gust of wind made his tie start flapping, he casually grabbed a stapler and stapled the tie to his chest. The room went silent... and the rest of the year was a breeze.

Cream Tea Ladies Bonspiel

The ladies had a very special day at Renfrew Curling Rink. They were transported back to Victorian England with tea, tasty bits and bites and suave waiters. The curling wasn't bad either and fun was had by all. A big thank you to Janice Barbour-Moss and her team of volunteers.