

BETWEEN THE SHEETS

Upcoming Events

December

Try Curling — Saturday, December 9th

L2C Bonspiel — Saturday, December 16th

January

Doubles Day — Saturday, January 6th

Draw 3 Begins — Monday, January 8th

January Funspiel — Saturday, January 20th

Kirsty McLeod Bonspiel — Saturday, January 27th

February

Valentine's Bonspiel — Sat., February 10th

Doubles Day — Saturday, February 24th

Greetings From the President

Our season is off to a great start! It's hard to believe that we are in our second draw and that. Christmas will soon be upon us.

As always, I would like to thank everyone who takes the time and energy to make our club the great place that it is. From bonspiels to league play to rental events, we do a great job creating a sense of community and making newcomers feel welcome.

A special welcome to our L2C group! I was so happy to see how enthusiastic you are, and very glad that you are already taking part in bonspiels and signing up for league play.

Please reach out to me or to anyone on our board if you have any suggestions for improvement.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday!

Liz McCormick

President

Advertising

Help support our local businesses during this season and especially our advertisers.

If you know of any local businesses who might be willing to advertise with us, please contact Lynne Hurtubise.



Swing & Sweep



Congratulations to Chantal, Blair, and Gilles who were the overall winners of this year's Swing & Sweep. Thanks to Bill Hughes for organizing the day. It is such a great way to kick off our season. And a special thank you to Helen at Heritage Golf!



Business Bonspiel

On the 3rd and 4th of November, we had the pleasure of hosting our Annual Business Bonspiel. It is always a pleasure to mingle with fellow business owners and their employees, and a great fundraiser for our club. We would like to extend our appreciation for our 10 local businesses that participated this year: Warden Heating, BMR, Lancaster Legion, South Glengarry Township, Decoste Realty, Summerstown Foundry, Langmuir Farms, Canadian Resin Recovery, Fieldless Farm, and Phaneuf Case IH. Also a big shout out goes to our prize sponsors: Back in Motion Physiotherapy, Desjardins Credit Union Inc, and South Glengarry Township. This year Warden Heating took the first prize, with Langmuir Farms coming in a close second, and Decoste Realty having the second highest game score.

Wine & Cheese

Our opening Wine & Cheese was well-attended and much enjoyed. Nigel, you do an awesome job keeping the bar stocked with libations that make us happy!



Try Curling will take place on Saturday, December 9th from 10 a.m. to noon. This free event is open to anyone who would like to come out and see what all the fuss is about!

Doubles Day

Our first “Doubles Day” was a great success. Congrats to our winners, Lori and Craig Carlisle, who were able to fit it some friendly competition before jetting off on their next travel adventure. ***Our next Doubles Day will be on Saturday, January 6th.***



Please contact Liz McCormick if you are interested in playing.

Development Sessions

Thanks to Bernie and his team for volunteering to lead development sessions and a skipping clinic. We hope you see our improvement on the ice after sharing your time and expertise!

Learn to Curl

Welcome to our 31 Learn to Curlers! We look forward to seeing you in action at the L2C bonspiel on December 16th and to welcoming you to league play. So far, we're all pretty impressed!

Turkey Bonspiel

A good time was had by all at our Turkey Bonspiel, November 23rd & 25th. Congratulations to Kerri Bergeron who won the “Turkey Toss”. There were lots of cheers from upstairs when your shot landed!

Congrats to Alain Bellefeuille, Leigh Bergeron, Kaylyn MacDonald, and Kerri Bergeron who won the bonspiel with a precision final shot by Alain.



Pat Lid League

The Wednesday Evening Pat Lid League is a great opportunity for all curlers to try out all positions. Thanks to our experienced skips who are coming out to coach us newbies!

Reminder to all players that “unsolicited advice” is not allowed! Offenders must pay (in the “sin jar” upstairs)!

Membership Update

Our membership is at 159, with 31 Learn to Curlers and 7 Juniors.

Thanks to James, Leanne, and Remi who are helping run the Junior Program.

Website News

A warm welcome from our Website Team, Oleg here.

We can't thank everyone enough for accepting and participating in club's website overhaul. With us transitioning away from simple password protected pages into proper user profiles for each of our members we collectively are not only making the website more secure, but also more useful for everyone involved. Two main highlights of the site are league schedule pages and a calendar reflecting all of club's events, giving you a future at a glance visibility. This is probably a good moment to remind everyone that when you're switching leagues or your sparing days to please change your choices in your profile on the website as well! This helps convenors and everyone, really, to stay apprised of everyone else's availability!

One more thing about your individual profiles - did you know you can upload your photo in there? It would help a lot of people (myself definitely included!) if you would consider uploading your lovely photos to your profiles - putting a name to a face would be very useful.

If you don't know how to do this please refer to our guides page over here <https://lancastercurling.ca/guides-and-how-tos/> , or ask me to take a picture of you and I'll be able to upload it for you.

2023-24 LDCC Curling Ice Crew

Knees, fingers, and dirt...

Yes, these three things are the bane of our ice techs. So please keep them off of the ice!!! After you deliver your shot and are gazing in hopeful wonder, please do so *without your knees or fingers on the ice surface*.

Remember to leave your street shoes at the door. Thanks to all who have taken action to ensure that you have appropriate footwear on the ice. The safety of our members is our utmost priority.

Check equipment, shoes, brooms and stabilizers regularly. Any imperfection or dirt will be transferred to ice surface. Please be sure to reach out to Bill Hughes should you want to order new equipment.

Our curling club is only as good as our ice.

Etiquette Reminders

Just a few reminders to keep things rolling smoothly:

- ♦ Be ready to throw when it's your turn.
- ♦ Never cross the ice when someone is in the hack and ready to deliver. Wait until the rock has been thrown.
- ♦ After you have finished sweeping a stone, please do not walk down the centre of the ice as other players are getting ready to throw and need to see their skip.
- ♦ Please be mindful of the time as you play; if there are not 15 minutes left and you haven't started your last end, either play one rock each, or don't play the last end.
- ♦ Please keep yelling to a minimum. Players on the other sheet need to hear their own skips.

SPEEDING UP THE GAME!
KEY WAYS TO KEEP THE GAME MOVING AND TO PLAY ALL 8 ENDS

5 MINUTES



Be ready to go on the ice 5 minutes before your game is to start. This allows for warm-up slides and the coin toss!

ROCK READY!



If your teammate has to get their slider on, or your skip is coming down the ice, get the rock out for them while you're waiting.

HACK IT!



As soon as the opposing player has released their stone, the next player to throw should move quickly to the hack. Clean the rock and set up so when your skip takes control of the house, you're ready to throw.

LEAD ON



At the beginning of an end, if you do not have hammer, your lead should NOT help to put the rocks away. Instead, the lead should find their first rock, get in the hack, clean their rock and be prepared to throw as soon as the skip is at the other end.

OUT OF ORDER



Rocks do NOT need to be put away in order. Simply putting the rocks neatly in the corners and not worrying about number order saves A LOT of time! If you are compulsive about putting rocks away in order, skips can help by putting rocks that are out of play in their appropriate place as the end progresses.

STAY FOCUSED



Skips must stay focused on the next shot and not be chatting with the opposing skip or players on adjacent sheets.