



## December 2023 Newsletter

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### What's been happening around the LCC?

The club has been a busy place through the fall, with leagues firing up, many bonspiels taking place, and a few learning events being slid into the schedule. From the U15 & U18 Bonspiel in September to the Discover Curling & Stick learning events, the club has seen all ages come out, grow their skills, and enjoy some great competition and socializing on and off the ice.

We would like to thank all members who used the online registration system and payment options this fall. It made preparing for the leagues a breeze for the organizers. Remember, you can log in anytime on the website to check on draw times, register for upcoming events or see the standings in the leagues.

The board and staff have been busy organizing and doing various upgrades around the club in the last while, including, but not limited to, upgrades to the men's bathroom downstairs (through the summer), new shuffleboard, drink options (both non-alcoholic and alcoholic), lounge food (including pizza) and curling equipment available upstairs as well.

Upon return from the Christmas break, you will also find that our on-ice cameras and projector have been upgraded! Bringing us

clearer pictures for spectators and fans alike.

It's going to be a busy 2nd half of the season, with more great events planned. Make sure to add them to your calendar to come out and watch, play or be a part of - our committees are always looking for extra hands to help make events happen.

Make sure to like/follow our club social medias for quick update throughout the season @LacombeCurling on Facebook And/Or Instagram.

Entries for the annual Curling Club Championships are currently open. If you would like to represent our club with either a men's or women's team, please contact the office by **January 8th** to receive more information.



Lyle Lorenz (Lacombe) and Don Bonham (Red Deer) claimed the 2023 Alberta Stirling Champions title in Airdrie on Nov.4.

## League News

### Blindman League

The Blindman league will be moving to Thursday evening at 9:00 p.m.

The Blindman league runs for six weeks beginning January 18th. If you enjoy the social aspect of curling, the Blindman League offers the opportunity to curl and grow your skills while enjoying a free beverage in our well-stocked lounge.

### Youth Curling

Our youth teams have been busy and working hard. We have five teams representing six Lacombe U18 curlers heading to Provincials.

Team DeSchiffart

Team Whitbread

Team Wyatt

Team Molly Whitbread

Ryler DeSchiffart with Team Young

We have 3 teams going to the U20 Provincials in Drayton Valley. Team Deschiffart, Team Whitbread and Team Young.

### Friday Evening Youth League

The Friday youth league needs volunteers. We are excited to have 20+ youth learning our great sport. These young people are the future of our club. If anyone can come and help, please contact the office or Tyler Hagel at (403)877-4018



## Upcoming Special Events

### Curling Alberta U15 Provincials

**Feb 28- March 3, 2024**

The organizing committee is looking for volunteers to help on the planning committee and volunteers during the event. If you're able to help, please contact Rory Whitbread ([rjwhitbr@gmail.com](mailto:rjwhitbr@gmail.com)), Chantelle Bowman (306)320-7744, or leave your contact info with Kevin in the office.

### Hone Your Skills with Darren Moulding - 2nd session

**Jan. 28, 2024 1 p.m - 4 p.m.**

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Register online through the website

**A new exciting International Event is coming to town in November 2024!**

More details in the New Year.

## Upcoming Bonspiels

[Register Online Anytime](#)

**Farmer's Bonspiel: Jan. 8-13, 2024**

**Ladies Bonspiel: Feb 2-4, 2024**

**Men's Bonspiel: Feb 23-25, 2024**

**Mixed Bonspiel: March 8-10, 2024**

**Stick/Sturling Bonspiel: March 16, 2024**

**\*NEW\* Corn Broom Bonspiel: TBD**

Go back in time when corn brooms were used, and blisters prevailed. Try your hand at sweeping with a corn broom! The club will supply the corn brooms unless you would like to bring your own broom from your glory days. Brush off the cobwebs, soak that broom, dig out that curling sweater and get ready for a hilarious night of fun! More details to come in the new year.

## Board of Directors and Staff

The board has shuffled a few directors. Grant Kamps has resigned as President, and Doug Ayer has moved into the President position for the remainder of the season.

Grant will remain on the board as Past President. Grant has been an intricate part of the club and will continue with his dedicated involvement. Andrew James has resigned from the board due to family obligations. Therefore, we have a few board vacancies; if you are interested in joining the board, please contact Doug Ayer or Gail Perepelkin with any questions.

## Staff

Have you met our manager, Kevin Humbke? He is usually busy in the office ordering supplies and keeping the club and lounge stocked and ready for business.

Darren, our awesome ice maker, is always around and willing to give a hand wherever needed. He will answer your curling questions or have a great curling story for you.

## Lounge Staff

Our lounge staff, Dan, Dylan, Kendahl, Brandie and Alyssa, will make your drink to order. These hard-working lounge staff are happy to serve and chat about curling!

## Good Luck & Good Curling in the start of 2024!

**Reminder: Leagues commence January 2nd!**

### 2023 Lacombe Senior Bonspiel Winners



Cool Classics  
L to R: Don Gullekson, Orest Phillips, Al Knight, Duane McCartney



Elite Elders  
L to R: John Basarab, Peter Villers, Gwen Farnsworth, Ed Rice



Shoot-Out Winners  
L to R: Terry Flaman, Ken Hubbard, Lorne Hughes, Jenna Jones

