

Lacombe Curling Club Newsletter

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Presidents Message

Another curling season is just around the corner. On behalf of the executive, I would like to invite you all back for another year of fun and fellowship. Thank you to those who helped out the club either by volunteering or with monetary donations. The club received approximately \$47,000 in government pandemic grants, and with our members donations, we are showing a loss of approximately \$18,000.

The executive passed a motion to replace the sound system throughout the entire facility last fall. This work was completed in the winter and we received a grant from the City/County of Lacombe for \$15,000 to help pay for the new system.

We are happy to have signed Darren Moulding, Brier Champion, on again as our head ice technician, and Leah Goodey as the Facility and Lounge Manager.

Be sure to come out to the annual meeting and registration night on September 29, 2021 at 7pm.

Restriction Exemption Program

The executive has voted in favor of implementing the Restriction Exemption Program in order for us to go ahead with a curling season. I would like to thank you for your understanding and cooperation last season, as we dealt with many unknowns, and continue to again this season. Under this program, anyone 18 years of age and older that wishes to enter the curling club for any reason, will be required to show proof of vaccination, a negative Covid-19 test within 72 hours of accessing the facility, or documentation of a medical exemption. You may also be asked for proof of I.D. Youth aged 12-17 are not required to show proof of vaccination if they are actively participating in sport. Youth under the age of 12 may access the facility without proof of vaccination.

As always, please be respectful and kind to the person selected to check the proof of vaccine.

Masks will need to be worn in common areas, but may be removed while curling as well as when you are seated in the upstairs lounge.

Curling Club Executive

President – Grant Kamps

Past Pres – Mandy Peakman

Vice Pres – Matt Willerton

Secretary – Gail Perepelkin

Treasurer – Christina Rice

Senior Curling Director – Tom Plunkett

Men's Curling Director – Kevin Humbke

Ladies Curling Director – Victoria Wying

Junior Curling Director – Rory Whitbread

Mixed/Doubles Curling Director – Vacant

Lounge Director – Garry Evernden

Facility/Rental Director – Lewis Cuthbertson

Membership/Registration – Ken Sheffield

Bonspiel Director – Doug Ayer

Technology/Social Media – Tina Parton

Annual Meeting / Team Registration

The annual meeting has been scheduled for **September 29 at 7 pm** in the Curling Club Lounge. The meeting will be open to anybody who is vaccinated or has a negative Covid test within the last 72 hours. Thank you for your understanding.

The Curling Club website is setup for you to register and pay your league fees online. Please sign your teams up soon!

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The refund policy can be found on the bottom of the home page.

League curling will begin on **Monday, October 18, 2021**

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Free Agent Listing

There is a tab once you are logged in to your profile under 'member's home' called **Free Agent listing**. Here you can find players who wish to join a team, or you can add yourself as an individual looking to join a team. Please be sure to use this feature if you are looking for a player.

Leagues

The leagues will remain the same for the upcoming season. They are listed on the club's website.

Waivers

There will be a couple of waivers that are required to be signed before you begin curling. Please understand the importance of these, and be sure to sign yours at the office before play begins. Thank you for your cooperation.

Appreciation Bonspiel

The executive has decided to have a 1 day appreciation bonspiel to thank members for their monetary donations last season, as well as to thank them for their cooperation during these challenging times. The details will be posted on the website as planning happens. It will be open to all vaccinated members of all ages and gender and will include a meal. It will take place on Saturday, October 23, 2021.

America's Challenge

The Lacombe Curling Club will be hosting the Mens World qualifier on October 29-31, 2021. Brazil, Mexico and Canada (Team Bottcher) will be competing. Stay tuned to Social Media and our website for more details.

Curling Rocks

Darren has informed the executive that the current rocks at our club are close to being worn out. The striking bands should be redone soon. However if we do that, the weight of the stones will be too light to host sanctioned events. The executive has been looking into new rocks for the past couple of seasons, and have set funds aside from when we hosted the Provincial Playdowns a few years back. We will be looking more into this and possibly replacing them sometime this season.

2021/2022 Bonspiel dates

Appreciation Bonspiel—October 23, 2021
U15/U18 Juniors-----November 12-14, 2021
Seniors-----November 15-19, 2021
Zone 4 Sturling-----November 20-21, 2021
Mixed Doubles-----December 10-12, 2021
U15 Qualifier-----December 16-19, 2021
Stick/Sturling-----January 8, 2022
Farmers/Farmerettes-----January 10-15, 2022
Ladies-----February 4-6, 2022
Mens-----February 25-27, 2022
Mixed-----March 11-13, 2022