

Lacombe Curling Club Newsletter

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Curling Club Executive

President - Grant Kamps

Vice Pres - Doug Ayer

Secretary - Gail Perepelkin

Treasurer - Christina Rice

Senior Curling Director - Lyle Lorenz

Men's Curling Director - Andrew James

Ladies Curling Director - Kendahl Reynolds

Junior Curling Director - Rory Whitbread

Mixed Curling Director - Joni Etienne

Lounge Director - Garry Evernden

Facility/Rental Director - Dana Bajema

Membership/Registration - Ken Sheffield

Bonspiels - Chris Walker/Trevor Krall

Social Media - Chantelle Bowman

President's Message

Another curling season is fast approaching. I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer, and are starting to think about gearing up for curling.

I am pleased to report our 2022 season saw our membership back on par with previous seasons after a decline in 2021. With 10 leagues running weekly, there is something for everyone. Registration will be online again this season, and should be up and running early September. I hope to see you all back on the ice in October.

Executive Positions

We are very happy to welcome Kendahl Reynolds, Dana Bajema, Trevor Krall, and Chantelle Bowman to the club executive. Katie Luymes, Victoria Swift, and James Frobb have stepped down from the board. Thank you to all past and new members for all the time you volunteer to help run the club.

Staff

The labor committee is pleased to announce Darren Moulding has signed on as Head Ice Technician again for the next 2 seasons. As you are all aware, Darren provides fantastic ice for our club, and continues to promote curling in Lacombe. He is enthusiastic about starting the ice plant on September 28th, with ice being ready on October 13th.

Thank you to the labor committee for interviewing and hiring Kevin Humbke as Facility and Lounge manager for the upcoming season. Kevin has been a member of our club for the past 8 seasons, has curled Superleague, Men's League and Mixed League, as well as in our bonspiels. He is very eager to give back to our community by promoting our club, and has stepped into the role very willingly and efficiently already.

Junior Youth

The executive and Darren have agreed to move the Junior youth(12-18) program to Wednesdays from 3:45-5:15 pm. Darren and Rory Whitbread will be managing and coaching this league.

Learn To Curl

The club is planning to host learn to curl sessions this season for all levels of curling. If you are looking to help our club expand, please consider sharing your skills, as we need volunteers. Tentative dates are Oct 14, Oct 28, Jan 6. We will post updates to the website, as well as social media sites.

Blindman Bonspiel

Blindman Brewing is planning a bonspiel at our club to help promote new curlers to join our leagues. The Blindman league on Tuesdays at 9pm is a great way for new curlers to come and learn the game. We are hoping to include these teams as well as any new ones in a bonspiel sometime this season. Please keep your eyes on social media and the website for more details in the coming weeks.

Pinty's Event

The executive has decided to turn down the opportunity to host the Pinty's event in December of 2024. After checking with past hosts, there is too much risk for financial loss to the club. We will be looking at possibly hosting Provincials again in the next few years, as there is less risk and better opportunity to make a profit hosting these events.

U15 Provincials

The Lacombe curling club will be hosting U15 Provincials on our ice surface February 28th-March 3rd, 2024. We will need numerous volunteers for this event. Please contact Rory Whitbread or Kevin Humbke if you are able to volunteer your time. Mark your calendars to come and watch the upcoming talent!

Ice Cameras

We are in the process of upgrading our ice cameras. This will hopefully be taking place in the first part of the season.

2023/2024 Bonspiel Dates

Please make note of these dates for this season. The club bonspiels are more than just curling. They are a great way to meet new people, and consist of great food, entertainment, door prizes, and payouts. These bonspiels are what help to keep our curling club operating. Please be sure to include your teams in this season's bonspiels. Thank you in advance!

U15/U18 Juniors---October 20-22, 2023
Seniors-----November 13-17, 2023
Mixed Doubles-----December 8-10, 2023
Farmers/ettes-----January 8-13, 2024
Ladies-----February 2-4, 2024
Men's-----February 23-25, 2024
Mixed-----March 8-10, 2024
Stick/Sturling-----March 16, 2024

Club Pins and Proshop

We have ordered club pins. If anyone is interested in them they will be available at the meeting as well as at the office for \$5. We will also have proshop items such as grippers, sliders and broom heads available in the upper lounge this season.

Annual Meeting

Your attendance is requested at the **Annual meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm.**

Opening date for leagues will be the week of October 16, 2023. Please stay tuned to the curling club website for registration to begin. www.lacombecurling.com

**See you at the meeting
October 4th, and have a
great curling season!!!!**

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