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Sell the entire experience!

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Calgary Curling Club manager finds keys to market 'hidden secret'

Bob Laycock brings golf course philosophy to curling clubs

BY NORM COWLEY, EDMONTON JOURNAL APRIL 15, 2015

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- While curling is fun, running a club is serious business
- Edmonton's Shamrock Curling Club creates haven for novice curlers

- Selling the wrong product!
- Afraid to raise prices!
- "If you make the places nice and people want to hang out, there's a market."
- "We are making it easy for them"
- "It's all about activity, increasing activity, increasing groups and making it a place that people want to be,"

 Laycock said.

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#ChooseYourAlberta



Edmonton's Shamrock Curling Club creates haven for novice curlers



Shamrock Curling Club general manager Chris McTavish is a philosophy professor who fell into the job a couple of years ago and turned the Edmonton... more

- 'Good ice, cold beer, friendly atmosphere' keep to that principle.
- Start fun leagues geared toward social activity, beginner curlers and six-end games. Shamrock is a haven for novice curlers, now about two-thirds of the membership.
- McTavish has also tried to create a feeling of community within the club.

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Crestwood Curling Club general manager Darcy Hyde says his club has taken a solid business approach since attending its first NACA Business of Curling seminar in 1999

Photograph by: Bruce Edwards, Edmonton Journal



One of our big goals was to get our building looking like a building from the 2000s.....repairing it, getting it more energy efficient, replacing equipment so we don't have high utility costs."

"Our fees are among the highest in the city," he pointed out. "We realize that all of those things come at a cost. If we're continually trying to improve our facility, we need to charge our members accordingly so we can continue to do those improvements."

What Is An Overall Experience

It's not 2 hours of cold!!!

Benefits Of Curling

- Meet people and play with friends ✓
- Curling is great exercise ✓
- Curling is very affordable
- People of any age or ability can play ✓
- Play against great competition ✓
- Curling is fun! ✓
- Two Minute Guide To Curling

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

THE GAME

- better ice & stones
- no lift delivery & push brooms
- curling shoes & clothing
- hours & hours & hours of TV
- Olympics & world wide interest

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

TECHNOLOGY & SOCIETY

- alcohol
- television & the internet
- new sports (X-Games)
- accessible activities
- aggressive competition
- costs

What Is A Quality Experience?

- PROGRAMS YOUR CUSTOMERS WANT
- SUPERIOR PLAYING CONDITIONS

INVESTING IN ADULT INSTRUCTION

FIRST CONTACT / EVERY DAY CONTACT





























Canada's Oldest Active Curling Club

WE NEED CURLERS!





Friday, Sept 22

7:00 PM







Call manager at 555-555-5555

Anytown CC, 55 Main Street, Anytown



Customers Engagement ...

- ✓ New buzz word
- ✓ Means different things to different people
- ✓ For some, it's about engaging online (website visits, social media mentions, opening e-mails, likes, etc.)
- ✓ For others, it's about keeping people active and enthusiastic as you carry out of the business

Website Engagement

- Engaging members through your website
 - ✓ Website is still your primary identity online
 - ✓ Go to it for information, news, register (& pay), schedules
 - ✓ Helps to create a positive 'first impression'



Tips

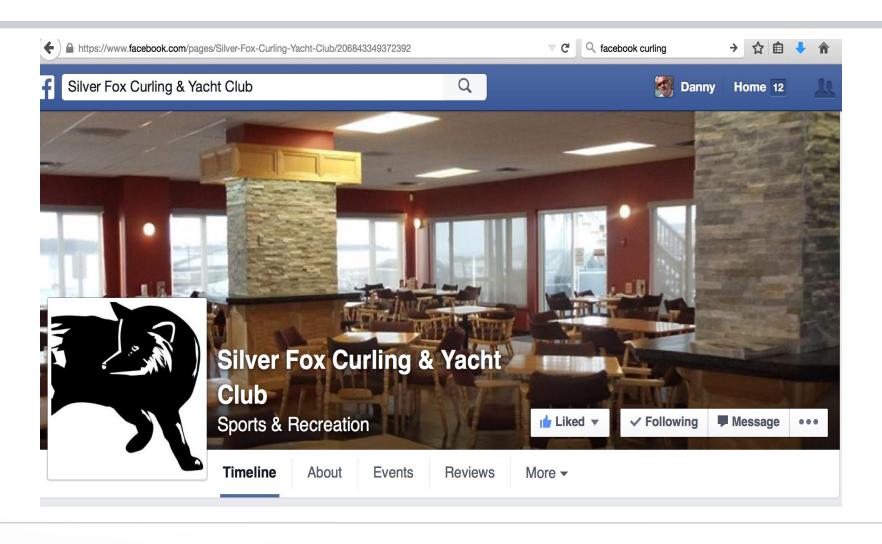
- ✓ Obviously build a website ... and if you have one, make sure it's fresh ... would you visit it?
- Professional design; easy navigation; answers to common questions
- ✓ Sharable content & updated content
- ✓ Two-way communications methods: blogs, forums, mini surveys,

Social Media Engagement

- Engaging members through social media
 - ✓ Means through which you can attract new members to your website
 - ✓ Get your members to 'like' you



Why Social Media?



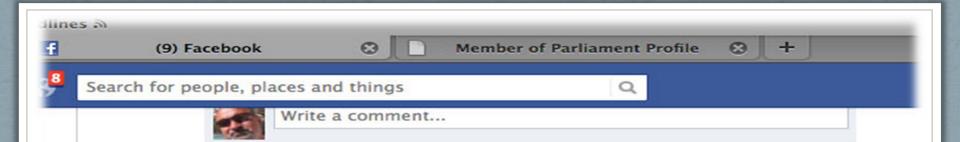
Why Social Media?



Things to post on Facebook

Put members' content to work:

- Encourage them to share their experiences
- Have a contest for best video posted
- Search other curling Facebook pages to see what they are doing





Canadian Curling Association

Regular Curling.ca column Around the House checks in at the Vancouver Curling Club and the start of their 100th Anniversary season. Let the festivities begin! http://bit.ly/SnF5VM









Marpole Curling Club shared a link.



Thanksgiving dinner | Marpole Curling Club marpolecurling.ca

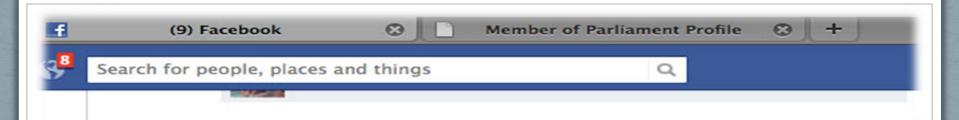
Marpole Cafe's famous Thanksgiving Feast is quickly approaching! On Monday, October 8th from 6-8pm Thanksgiving dinner will be available at the club cafe.





Team Homan shared The Ottawa Curling Club's photo.







Fort William Curling Club

Another picture of ice installation progress from ice guru Brent Adamson. Looks good!







Women's Grand Aggregate Winners Team Pott







A team with personality & curling skills!

The La Salle Curling Club thanks all of the Women's teams that curled on Thursday nights for the 2015/2016 Season.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year, along with many more!

www.lasallecurlingclub.ca

www.facebook.com/LaSalleCurlingClub

Personalized Engagement

- ✓ Reach out and ... visit
- ✓ Tell stories about great members, great clubs, great experiences
- ✓ Solicit feedback (surveys can be useful) and act on the most important ones
- Say thank you
- Recognize performances and contributions

Challenges to Engagement

✓ What are some of the challenges YOU face in engaging your customers?

Good Practices

✓ What are some of YOUR great practices that can keep customers engaged and attract new ones?





Go! CORNWALL

Come Try Curling Event!

Cornwall Curling Club

The Town of Cornwall, Go! PEI, and The Central Region Sport and Recreation Council is inviting you to COME TRY CURLING! FREE!!

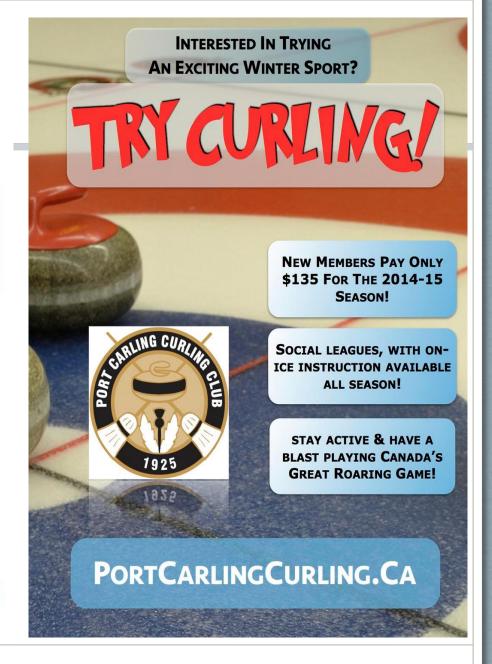
Hot Chocolate and Snacks will be provided. This is for all ages as everyone is welcome for a fun filled afternoon of curling with friends and family!

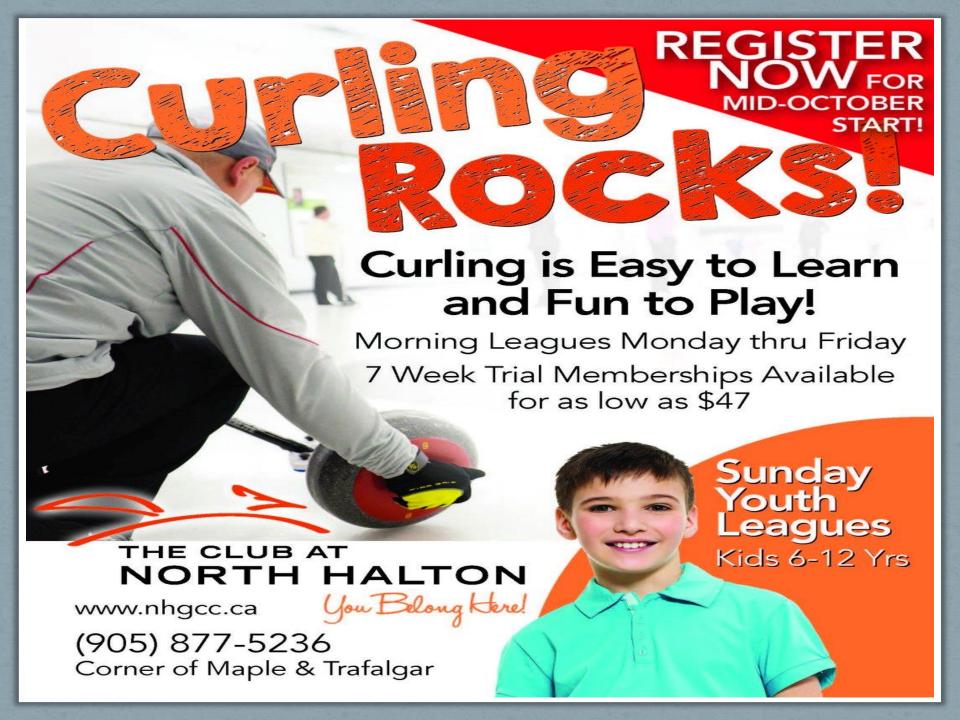
Saturday, March 29, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm





29 Cornwall Rd. Cornwall, Prince Edward Island





WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T BE A



CURLING OPEN HOUSE

TRY CURLING. HAVE FUN.

WHERE:

Potomac Curling Club at the Gardens Ice House 13180 Old Gunpowder Road Laurel, Maryland 20707

Saturday February 8, 2014 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Sunday February 16, 2014 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Cost: \$10 per person • \$20 per family Includes equipment rental and on-ice instruction. Dress warmly and wear clean, soft-soled shoes or sneakers. Ages 5 to adult.



Register at www.curldc.org

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International **Curling Club of Osoyoos** icccurling@gmail.com www.osoyooscurlingclub.com

250-495-7733

FREE: Learn to Curl Instruction for Beginning Adults of all Ages

October 1, 2, and 3rd 7-9pm

CALL BETTY 250-495-8166 TO REGISTER

REGISTRATION NIGHT & FREE PRACTICE ICE:

October 8th 7-9pm

October 9th 4:30-7:00pm

October 10th 4:30-7pm

October 10th AGM at 7:00pm

LEAGUE STARTS:

October 15th, 2013 (Men's)

October 15th, 2013 (Juniors)

October 16th, 2013 (Mixed)

October 17th, 2013 (Ladies &

Daytime)



Curling Club

OSOYOOS, BC

"COME OUT THIS YEAR AND JOIN US FOR A FUN YEAR OF CURLING"





GIVE CURLING A TRY!

Experienced players & Beginners always welcome!

Join the Bradford Curling Club for our 2016/17 Curling Season

Whether you are new to the rink or have been curling for years, the Bradford Curling Club has a league for you!

We have leagues for all ages and skill levels as well as fun themed events and bonspiels all season long.

FIVE REASONS TO TRY CURLING

- 1. It's great exercise burn calories while having fun! Curling engages the core and works every muscle from head to toe!
- 2. Anyone can do it Curling can be enjoyed by men and women of all ages and and athletic ability
- 3. Meet great people Curling is an extremely social sport so it's a great way to connect with other members of your community
- 4. Easy to learn The rules of curling are simple and straightforward so anyone can learn to play!
- 5. Curling is economical Unlike other sports which require investmenting in pricey uniforms or equipment, curling does not require expensive equipment and club membership is extremely affordable.

See what all the fun is about! Learn more at www.bradfordcurlingclub.ca





START THE SEASON **OFF RIGHT!**

OPEN HOUSE September 20th, 21st & 22nd 7pm - 9pm

FREE CURLING CLINIC

Saturday, October 15th 10am-12pm 2pm - 4pm

Tuesday, October 18th 9:30am - 11am (Ladies) 7pm - 9pm

Thursday, October 20th 7pm - 9pm

LEARN YOUR CURLING LINGO!

*BONSPIEL = a fun curling tournament consisting of several games and open to everyone!







LEARN' TO CURL

SUNDAY, NOV. 25TH

5:00 - 7:00PM

7:30 - 9:30PM

CLASSES INCLUDE: 15 MINUTE OFF-ICE TUTORIAL 45 MINUTE ON-ICE INSTRUCTION

& DEMONSTRATION

60 MINUTES OF TRIAL & GAMES

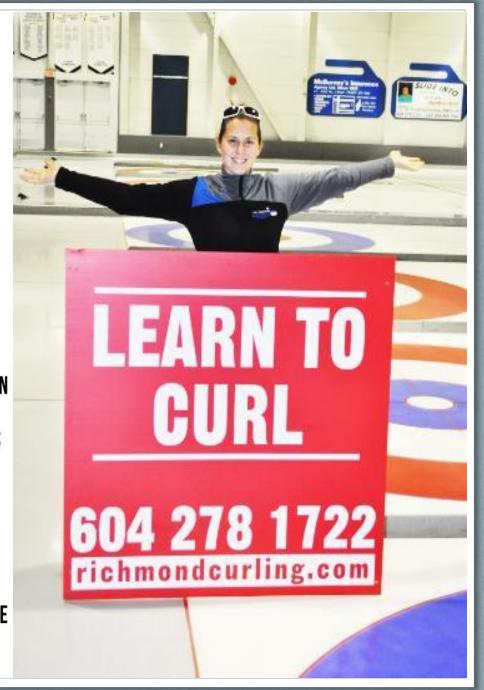
PRICE: \$10 PER CLASS **REGISTER TODAY:**

IN PERSON AT THE COMPTON FAMILY ICE ARENA

option #2 BY PHONE: 574.631.1166

WWW.MAXSOLUTIONSONLINE.COM/COMPTONFAMILYICE

** PLEASE WEAR LOOSE FITTING CLOTHING, TENNIS SHOES AND LIGHT GLOVES.



Discover the fun of mixed Curling!

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NEW AT THE ALMONTE CURLING CLUB

We are excited to introduce a new curling program for the 2015-16 curling season!



This is a non-competitive league designed for women of all ages and all skill levels. The only pre-requisite is the desire to have fun and make new friends. Teams will be made up each week from the participants who show up.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015 for a pre-launch of this program.

Here is what we have planned:

9:30 - 10:00 - coffee, muffins and team selection

10:00 - 12:00 - 6 ends of curling (including instruction for new curlers)

12:00 - 1:00 - soup, sandwiches and socializing

This is a free event for all current and prospective club members.

Come help us launch this new program and see how much fun ladies curling in Almonte can be!

To register for the pre-launch, email ladiescurling.march23@rogers.com by Thursday, March 19





Learn to Curl

Biter Bonspiels Burned it! Draw Weight Grippers Hogged it! Hurry HARD In the House Jitneys Reindeer Games Shot rock Sliders

Are you wondering what all those terms mean?

Come out to the Bancroft Curling Club's Learn to Curl league and find out.

HINTS:

- · There are no vampires or fires
- You do not drink the sliders OR the shot rocks
- · There is no housework involved

They are terms you will soon be using after joining the BCC Learn to Curl league:

- . 9 weeks of classroom / on ice skill instruction & practice
- 12 weeks of games against other new curlers with on-ice coaching / experience being a Lead, Second, Vice and Skip
- Safe environment / equipment is provided (including delivery sticks for curlers who can't kneel to throw rocks)
- Runs on Wednesday nights
- Cost is \$200 for the season
- Inquire about a family plan
- Limited to 32 people



We have numerous day and evening leagues for novice and experienced curlers. Just send an email to the address below and we will contact you before registration.

Little Rock/Bantam Curling is offered for ages 5-16. Contact us for details.



REGISTRATION Tuesday, Sept. 16 @ 4-8 PM Sunday, Sept. 28 @ 1-4 PM

We joined Bancroft Curling Club last year. We were new to the area and



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looking to do something that would get us out of hibernation. Not only did we learn a new sport encouraged by in-house tutors but we made lots of new friends. - Bryan & Linda Ward

The Bancroft Curling Club has been so welcoming as a newcomer. Curling provided me a fantastic social activity during the winter season. - Dan McCoy

www.bancroftcurlingclub.ca



Try a free lesson

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REGISTER/INFO 905-628-8221 or dundasgranitecurlingclub@cogeco.net

24 Head Street, Dundas



a BIG mobile SIGN co. 416-200-2425



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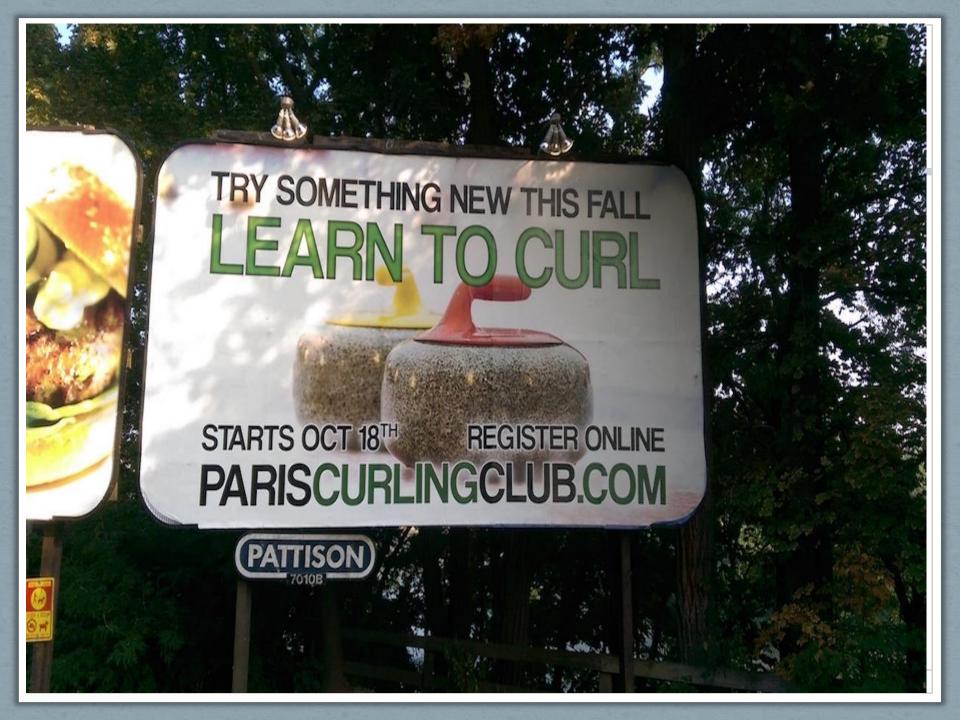
We are dedicated to creating a friendly, safe environment where people of any skill level can compete and enjoy a fun time with friends.

Join us and share the passion of curling!





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Been away for more than 2 seasons or Newcomer? - 10% DISCOUNT

ADVANTAGES OF THE SPORT OF CURLING:

- Curling is an affordable winter sport
- No initiation fee
- Season October thru March
- Sport for all ages
- Sport for all skill levels
- Exercise and social
- Gathering place for friends
- Individual, couple or a complete team welcome
- Various leagues play in more than one for same price
- Payment plan available
- Beginning equipment provided
- Come to our OPEN HOUSE for details

CURLING LEAGUES:

- Little Rockers (ages 5-9)
- Bantams (ages 9-16) / Juniors (age up to 20)
- Mixed (2 men & 2 women)
- Wednesday afternoon league
- Mixed & open
- Women
- Men
- Rookies NEW
- Mixed Doubles NEW

The BLIND RIVER CURLING CLUB

Invites You to an

OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2014

from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

REFRESHMENTS / SNACKS SERVED

Check out our Curling Centre, Instruction and Leagues

Bienvenue à tous

Everyone is welcome

Kina Gi-daa-bi-zhaam





Get taken out by someone you just met.

Curling is a social sport. On and off the ice, it offers a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. It's the perfect winter ice-breaker. So whether you've just tried a take-out or blanked an end, one thing's for sure - the competition is always fun, first-rate and friendly.

CURLING. GIVE IT A SHOT!



Other Customers??

- Corporations (big & small)
- Charities
- One-time rentals
- Off-Ice Use



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The High Park Club is one of the most prestigious landmarks in Toronto. Built in 1911 as the High Park Curling and Tennis Club, it has enjoyed almost a century of continuous operation. The original structure with its charming terrace and verandah has been augmented and lovingly maintained. Currently, the Club operates one of the oldest Curling Club in Toronto as well as one of only two private Lawn Tennis courts in Canada.

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-2013-TOBA MUSIC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

PRIZES • MUSIC • FOOD • FUN

The Union Representation is an assistance and referral program - created and administered by the music community, for the music community. A registered charity established in 2010, the Unison Benevolent Fund is designed to provide d

GRANITE CURLING CLUB, One Granite Way

\$40 PER PERSON, INCLUDES DINNER (and toque)















SATURDAY JANUARY 21st 2017

Acton Curling Club - 242 Churchill Rd. N

Prizes Food Fun





8am-9am: Learn to Curl Sam-5pm: Bonspiel



All skill levels welcome. Registration includes an optional learn-to-curl session, lunch, and two games.

> Early Bird: \$200 per team After November 30th: \$240 per team

For more information or to register visit www.cvcfoundation.ca

In Support of:









SUNDAY APRIL 9TH GRANDE PRAIRIE CURLING CENTRE

HURRY HARD!

CREATE A TEAM & RAISE PLEDGES

- Team up with four friends, family or co-workers to Curl for Kids Sake • Raise a minimum of \$50 in pledges per curler (Includes one hour of curling, games
- & chances to win great prizes)



HAVE FUN!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

- Brooms and sliders provided
- Members from the Curling Centre will be present for any assistance
- · All ages welcome



HURRY! HARD!

AND REGISTER FOR THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY'S CHARITY BONSPIEL

CURL FOR CANCER





Homemade Quilt Draw

50/50

Silent Auction

Wine Tree

Carol Curling Club - Labrador City January 20 & 21, 2017

- Everyone is welcome
- · Teams guaranteed 3 games
- No experience needed
- Skins Format
- Equipment will be provided
- Great Team Building

SCHEDULE	
JANUARY 20-EVENING	CURLING
JANUARY 21-MORNING & AFTERNOON	CURLING
JANUARY 21-EVENING	STEAK DINNER

ALL FUNDRAISING WILL GO TO SUPPORT AIR DAFFODIL

To Register your team please contact

Cal Barrett

Phone: 709.280.6213 Email: calvinrbarrett@gmail.com

Kirk Foster

Phone: 709.987.9452 Email: kirk.foster@ironore.ca

All teams encouraged to obtain a sponsor

**Contact the above to inquire about individual entry

Corporate / Business Entry Fees:

First Class Sponsorship - \$1000.00

Your business will receive:

- · 2 team entries of 4 curlers
- · 8 seats for Steak Dinner
- Tax Receipt for charitable donation
- · Logo represented at event
- · Speaking opportunity at dinner

Economy Sponsorship - \$500.00

Your business will get:

- I team entry of 4 curlers · 4 seats for Steak Dinner
- · Tax Receipt for charitable donation
- · Logo represented at event



Air Daffodil is a program for cancer patients living in Labrador who need to travel outside Labrador for a cancer related appointment. The program provides:

2 return flights per patient per year I return flight per escort per year

This program is able to be offered thanks to the gift of giving from generous donors.

RENTAILS

STRAIT AREA COMMUNITY CURLING CLUB

The club offers affordable, flexible space for small to mid-size meetings and events all year round

There is lounge capacity space for 80 people with recent upgrades, complete with large screen TV and small dance floor

Bartender and fully licensed, well-stocked bar

Three ice sheets are available for rental throughout the curling season, when not in regular play

Fully-stocked kitchen facilities, complete with fridge, two restaurant style ovens, microwave, freezer, dishes, & cutlery







For rates and bookings call Kathleen at 902-625-0199 or the Curling Club in Port Hawkesbury at 902-625-1824

Curling Attire Suggestions

Curling is played on ice, and our arena can be cold. It's always a good idea to wear multiple layers to stay warm. To be prepared we suggest wearing and/or bringing the following items with you.

- Warm Jacket
- Hoodie or sweatshirt
- Stretchy Pants (sweatpants or yoga pants)
- Toque, hat, or gloves
- Clean pair of running shoes or skater shoes to wear on the ice. (We do not provide footwear for rentals or events.)



Here is an
example
of a team
with appropriate
curling attire









Friday Night Music

DEED RIVER CURLING CLUB



Time: 8:00PM Free Admission

Music, Jamming & Dancing alternate Fridays

SEE NRT for Dates, contact the Curling Club

or get on the notification mailing list.

music-night@outlook.com

JANUARY 7, 2017 • DOORS OPEN AT 5 P.M.

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NEW BEERS RESOLUTION CURLING CHALLENGE

ENTER A TEAM OF 4 FOR A 4-END CURLING GAME EQUIPMENT PROVIDED • BEGINNERS WELCOME

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