



Wolfville Curling Club

NEWSLETTER

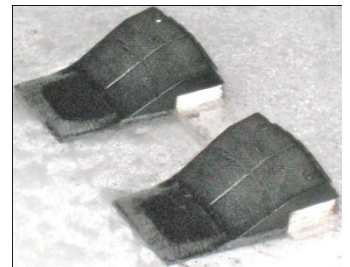
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Those who were curling at 9:15 last Monday night when the power went out know all too well the difficulties that experience imposes. But when the power stays off for a lengthy period of time a new set of troubles emerge. The ice starts to melt, it get soft in spots, and then water starts to pool in various places, even in the hacks. Worst possible scenario would be one big puddle. But even with much less, there is a danger that the strings which mark the lines might shift. Even the rocks have to be lifted off the surface so they don't freeze in place when

the plant turns on again. Scheduled events have to be cancelled – and many people notified. Then once the power is back on, the ice needs to scraped, and swept clean - because dirt has settled out. And lastly, Tony will flood the ice. He has been there many times over the recent emergency helping us reach the best possible outcome – minimum interruption of our favourite sport. The club owes him a huge debt of gratitude. And others too. When I checked this morning, Fred was there, and George. John Dorman...Howie Johnson.... Thanks to all who helped out. Seniors should be curling by Friday, maybe even the Thursday night curling. Check it out.

Water in them thar hacks



George with Scraper

Volunteers

- Two Executive vacancies have been filled. At the November 30th meeting, we welcomed Jane Cayford as Publicity Chairperson and Ken Ochitwa as Bar Chair. In all likelihood you will be making their acquaintance, or hearing from them, or asked to assist them at some time or other during the rest of the season.
- When the month of February rolls around, it will be our opportunity to host the Senior Men's Provincial Championships. We thank the Members of the Executive of our Wolfville Seniors who have undertaken the tasks of giving leadership to this event. The NSCA Liaison for this event is Edie Lloyd – also a member of our Club. They will be looking to club members who have had experience assisting in other championships, as well as others willing to learn. There'll be a need for timers and persons to assist with publicity and food and hospitality among other roles. So when you hear the call from Alden Proffitt, Gerry Giddens, or Murray Philipps be ready to offer a hand. All necessary training provided.

- The Art of Making Ice – Thanks to those who responded to the need for assistance in keeping the ice in tip-top shape. ALL members in fact might keep in mind that Tony spends his Sunday mornings at the rink. You can help out, too. And also pick up some ice maintenance techniques.

SAFETY FIRST

A club member fell on the ice recently. Thankfully, although medical attention was required, the incident did not become a major calamity. Though, heaven knows, no one welcomes these experiences when they happen. Certainly not the one who has fallen; certainly not the fellow curlers, or the club.

The basic fact about curling however, is that it is played on ice – a feature that calls for caution. We step on to the ice cautiously. We take note of the position of rocks in play. We are tidy about any rocks out of play and move carefully about hack and house. We have learned to do all this in order to minimize the potential for accident. In fact, we don't have to think much about it; it's almost automatic.

Yet the game has elements of speed, intensity, and the unpredictable involvement with others. When you combine all of this with the fact that players need to react to events while they are occurring, it sometimes leads to unfortunate circumstance.

It is a sickening feeling, for everyone, whenever that unmistakable thud happens. It brings everything to a halt. Those nearby are quickest to respond. Everyone waits to hear the reassuring "I'm okay" before things pick up again. But sometimes things can be a bit more serious. Bones can be broken. Lives can even be lost. Bruises, cuts, concussions are part of the occasional reality of a curling club. And when they are, it is the prompt, calm action of helpers [fellow curlers] that will supply the first aid that is needed.

Some will make the injured curler as comfortable as possible. Some others should assess the situation and, if calling 911 is required, make the call. Note that 911 will want to know information like: whether the injured one is conscious or not; bleeding or not; approximate age; M or F – so it is most helpful if the call is made by someone who has actually observed the patient's condition.

Above all, as helpers: Don't panic. Act promptly. Stay calm. Think clearly.

BLACK HOLE

In this 75th Anniversary year we are hoping to produce a history of the Club. Unfortunately the records between 1979 and 1992 have not been archived. For starters, we can't be sure who served as Presidents during that time. So we need the help of your memory – of **anything** you can recall. Please look again at the Dec 13 email to club members and let us hear from you.

SENIOR CURLING has continued to flourish in the last month. More than a full slate of curlers are regularly turning out now. Soon all will be taking turns playing 4 ends, as needed, on a rostered basis throughout the rest of the year. **Curl and Crib** – very successful, plans to make it a monthly event. **Christmas Party** after curling on Friday the 17th – Turkey Shoot and Dinner. **Next Breakfast** will be January 7th. A **Stick Curling Competition** might be held late Jan/early Feb prior to the Provincials – interested??. Speak to Alden.

FASHION OR FORETHOUGHT?



We seem to live in an increasingly hazardous age. And what goes along with that of course is an interest in making ourselves as safe as possible. If you were to drop in to the Club on any Seniors day, you would observe that a good number of them are taking this seriously. The potential for head injuries while curling has led them to think preventively and equip themselves with appropriate headgear. At present there seems to be two main types, both lightweight: one made of fabric – worn sorta like a headband, and the other a hard-shell helmet. The sort skiers wear. I have heard that younger curlers, too, don't seem to have a great deal of difficulty with helmets. They take to them just like kids on a bike.

Anyway. I'd like to be safe, but maybe I'll just continue with chance. Will it interfere with my play of the game? Will I still look cool? The debate is on. If you have any thoughts about this one. Drop me an email – soon – while I'm still making up my mind.



MATCH PLAY – Peter Kennie tells me that the schedules for Monday, Dec 20th and Wednesday, Dec 22nd have been extended to include regular play on those nights. Then on the two Thursdays, 23rd and 30th, ALL CURLERS are invited to come out for a Skins Game. Play starts at 7:30 on both nights. \$5.00 to enter. Regular Monday evening curling resumes on January 3rd. Wednesday and Thursday draws will start with NEW TEAMS on January 5th and 6th, 2011.



CHRISTMAS PARTY!

A FUN CURLING AND LUNCH EVENT FOR ALL CURLERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

The day will begin with morning curling and include a scrumptious lunch. Prizes of Turkey and Lobster. RSVP by adding your name to the SIGN UP sheet on the draw board at the Club by Thursday the 16th.

The Wolfville Curling Club takes this opportunity to wish all our members, friends and curlers everywhere a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

A NOTE FROM AUDREY - with news that we hosted some of the top Ladies teams in the province on December 4th. The winning team was skipped by Virginia Jackson. Everyone had a great time. Our visitors commented that they “always enjoy coming here because they know they will be served great food”. Audrey does so much to maintain our reputation

Also February 5 has been booked as the date of the annual Ladies Funspiel. A poster and sign-up sheet will be posted in the locker room early in the new year.



CALENDAR [items already in the works]

DECEMBER:

15TH McLellan Cup here - had to be cancelled. Hope for possibility of later scheduling.

17th Seniors Christmas Party, lunch after 7ends + Turkey Shoot

18th Club Christmas Party, **sign up no later than Thursday Dec 16th**.

23rd and 30th Skins Game 7:30 pm \$5.00

JANUARY

7th Seniors Breakfast, 7:30 – 8:30 am

7-9th Cash Spiel – starting Friday night. Your chance to see some top-notch curlers in action.

21-23RD Canadian Inter-University Sport, Atlantic Championships, Wolfville

29th Catherine Creighton Ladies [Fun] Bonspiel, Windsor

FEBRUARY

5th Annual Ladies Funspiel

18-20th Stick Curling Provincial Championships, Truro. ***Note change of date

22-27th NS Senior Men’s Championship, Wolfville

MARCH

5th Curl for Cancer – Marilyn Profitt, Chair

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