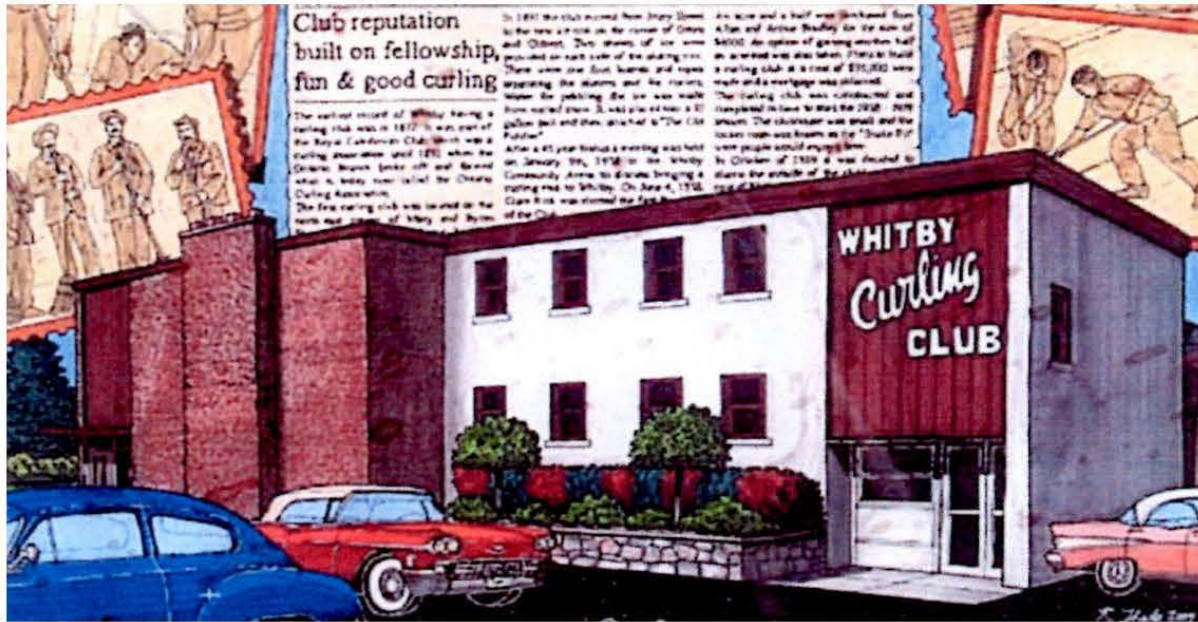


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WHITBY CURLING CLUB

October 2024



Club reputation built on fellowship, fun & good curling

The earliest record of Whitby being a curling town was in 1877 when the Royal Canadian Curling Club was a curling town since 1877 when the Ontario Branch broke off and formed what is today known as the Ontario Curling Association.

In 1881 the club moved from Mary Street to the new site on the corner of Ontario and Gilbert. The stone of the building occupied on each side of the building were three rows of four windows and two opening the doors and the rooms were the parking lot. The ice was made from natural snow. It was paid for by a \$1000 loan and then placed in "The Club Fund".

An acre and a half was purchased from A. J. and Arthur Bradley for the sum of \$4000. The option of getting another half an acre was also taken. There is said a curling club at a cost of \$10,000 were made and a mortgage was obtained. The curling club was established and completed in time to start the 1928-1929 season. The clubhouse was small and the locker room was known as the "Shake Out" where people would enjoy themselves. In October of 1939 it was decided to start the rebuild of the clubhouse.

Presidents Message

Pam McDermid

President@whitbycurlingclub.com



Welcome to the 66th Curling Season of the Whitby Curling Club!

I don't know if it's my age, becoming a parent or what, but time seems to be moving faster and faster. I can hardly recall what I did over the summer, or even that there was a summer. I knew the curling season was approaching, but I didn't realize how much I was looking forward to it until it arrived. Stepping on the clean fresh ice for some practice throws this week felt like exhaling a long-held breath. It's my happy place, where I can let go of everything else going on in my life and relax into my body and calm my mind. I hope you are just as excited to be hitting the ice this season!

I'd like to especially welcome all of our new members to the club this season. Whether you are new to curling or just new to Whitby, we hope you will find our club welcoming and truly a place that You Belong. To all members, new and seasoned, if there is anything that we can do to make your experience at the club better, please reach out anytime. This season you can find me playing in the Monday Mixed Doubles League and the Wednesday Open League, and other random nights for sparing. I can also be reached at: president@whitbycurlingclub.com

Thanks, and good curling!

Pam

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I Know What You Did Last Summer...

After the last rocks were thrown and the ice melted the club didn't slow down. Top 10 Things That Happened This Summer.

1. The 1st Annual End of Year Party was out of this world.
2. The compressor room was ripped apart and rebuilt with all new equipment.
3. New cameras and flags were installed on the ice area
4. The Mens washroom was fixed.
5. The Cornhole Summer League was a sold out success.
6. The 3rd Annual Crokinole Tournament handed out the mugs to the champs.
7. The 1st Annual Emma Walker Puzzle Party had us all in pieces.
8. KISS MY BEES did a talk on beekeeping. It was all the buzz.
9. Golf Tournaments - Ladies and Senior Men.
10. Rod "Wild 1" Bemister appeared on the Jumbotron at the SkyDome 56 times.



Brooklin Heritage Day

A group of volunteers spent the day teaching some street curling at the Brooklin Heritage Day Festival. Rumour has it that this years display was the busiest booth of the day.

Volunteer Spotlight

The number one question that is asked in the curling community is "What makes The Whitby Curling Club the Best Club in the World?"

The only answer is "Our Volunteers."

It might be baking muffins for a bonspiel, painting a wall or selling 50/50 tickets. Every single minute of volunteering helps out immensely.

Watch the e-mails for volunteering requests.

whitbycurlingclub.com has more information and also a spot to track your volunteer hours.



WCC UPCOMING EVENTS



For More Information: www.whitbycurlingclub.com

OCT 19

Slip N' Slice - Golf and Curling Spiel

NOV 1 - 3

Curling Ontario Provincial Club Championships

NOV 7

Senior Men - Fill The House Spiel

NOV 23

Fall Classic Bonspiel - Mexico

DEC 4

Afternoon Ladies - Mount Lawn Bonspiel

DEC 7

Vinyl Junkies - Another Spin Spiel

DEC 9 - 12

Ontario Police Provincial Championship

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Staff Highlights



Karen Bemister
General Manager

Karen is beginning her 3rd year as our Manager but she is no stranger to the club as she has been a member since 2005.

If you have questions regarding anything going on at the club you can send her an email at info@whitbycurlingclub.com If she can't answer it, she will point you in the right direction.

Karen has surrounded herself with an elite staff that have all embraced the House of Hospitality mantra. The following list of staff are all under the Bartender heading but we all know that they do much more.

Glenn McKinnon
Calleigh Barton
Bill Windrem
Ian Cavanagh
Katherine Lavery
Shaquan Lewis
Mel St Clair

Curling is a unique sport where everyone comes off the ice at the same time and heads directly to the bar. The first few weeks as our new bartenders get trained and the veterans get back into the swing of things let's all remember that the word PATIENCE is our friend.



Jamie DeHart
Head Ice Technician

Jamie has been our Head Ice Technician for 13 years.

This year you might see a little happy skip in Jamie's steps as he got a whole new compressor room this summer.

Beside each great Ice Technician is an amazing Ice Tech Assistant. And we are lucky enough to have Victoria Lavery in our house. She is pretty easy to spot, just look for the colour pink.

95% of what Jamie and Victoria do is behind the scenes. It all happens early in the morning or when you think that there isn't anything happening at the club. So, when you do catch a glimpse of them, give them a nod and a wink that says "Thanks for the ice"

We have a team of "Ice Monkeys" that assist Jamie and Victoria. Jake Waechter and Mushfiqur Chowdhury are the ones that you see running up and down the ice with mops and nippers in between games.

Back in The Day...

The club has a very interesting history since it was built on the Bradly Farm back in 1958. We are going to travel back to the year **1994**:

1. September 20, 1994 - The shed that is behind sheet 2 that stores ice equipment was completed for \$17,121.00
2. Bartender Dress Code Passed: Must wear white shirts, black pants or skirt and black running shoes.
3. The club had 454 members to begin the season
4. A new Ice King Scraper was purchased for \$6,150.00
5. Ladies locker room installed 12 more lockers.
6. The Bridge Club that plays in lounge on Tuesdays during summer months wrote letter to board "We are serious players and do not want noise or interruptions"
7. The Annual TV Raffle was won by Dave and Gail King. It was a 20" TV worth \$600.00.
8. An Open House for returning members was held. This was in place of the Phone Committee that spent hours calling each member to find out if they were returning.

1994



Representing Whitby



Team Mooibroek is made up of:

Skip: Sam Mooibroek
Vice: Tyan Wiebe
Second: Scott Mitchell
Lead: Nathan Steele

Coming Up
Stu Sells Tankard - Toronto - Oct 10 - Oct 14
Henderson Fall Classic - Sault Ste Marie - Oct 17 - Oct 20

2024-2025 So Far:
Tour Challenge - Charlottetown, PEI: 4-2, Semi Finalist
Points Bet Invitational - Calgary, AB: 0-1, DNQ
Stu Sells Tankard - Oakville: 4-3, DNQ
U25 Next Gen Classic, Edmonton, AB - 4-2, Semi Finalist



Team Ladouceur is made up of:

Skip: Isabelle Ladouceur
Vice: Grace Lloyd
Second: Michaela
Lead: Rachel Steele

Coming Up:
Stu Sells Tankard - Toronto - Oct 10 - Oct 14

2024-2025 So Far:
KW Fall Classic - Kitchener: 2-2, DNQ
Stu Sells Tankard - Oakville: 4 - 3, DNQ
U25 NextGen Classic, Edmonton, AB - 3-2, DNQ

GOOD LUCK
Have Fun

**Club Championship Quailfier
Oshawa Curling Club
Oct 18 - 20**

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| Terri Barton Sarah Gray Victoria Lavery Brittany Jossa Game 1 - 19th - 10am | Ben Bevan Carter Adair Punit Sthankiya Jeremy Way Game 1 - 18th - 4pm |
| Tracey Macaulay Lori Way Janet Russell Belinda Solly Game 1 - 19th - 2pm | Chris Berlette Rob Phillips Jeff Solly Tom Rolfe Game 1 -18th - 4pm |



The House of Hospitality

As the season begins it presents everyone with a whole new world of possibilities.

For some people this is their first time trying the sport and for others it has been a tradition in their families for generations.

Old friends will reunite, new relationships will form. Someone will get an 8 ender and another person will slide out past the rings for the first time. Playing in a bonspiel, late night discussions around the lounge round tables or winning a Curling Ontario Playdown are lifetime memories that will be created this year.

Every milestone is unique and should be celebrated.

The Whitby Curling Club is known as the House of Hospitality because we treat everyone that

walks in our club as family. We all come from different backgrounds and life situations but the one thing we pride ourselves on is that we are all Whitby Curlers and welcome anyone that wants to be part of this adventure.

The Whitby Curling Club is a member owned not for profit organization. This means that everyone that joins our club has the same rights to enjoy their time in our little spot on Brock Street.

So, lets make this the best year you have ever had. Get out there and make some shots. Sit inside and have some laughs. Join a committee. Sign up for an event. Cheer on your friends. Come early, stay late.

This is your house. You Belong.

The Board of Directors

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