

RockTalk

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WHITBY CURLING CLUB



Presidents Message

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It's hard to believe that Christmas is just a couple weeks away, and even harder to believe that we are already through the first draw of league play this season! I hope everyone is enjoying the season so far. I was having a great season – undefeated in both my leagues until my Mixed Doubles partner put an end to that last week when we faced off in the Wednesday Open League. LOL. If it had to be to someone, I'm glad it was Dave. I was also relieved to have our Annual General Meeting completed last Sunday and completely thrilled by the number of members in attendance – the most I've ever observed in my ~10 years at the club. In case you missed it, we approved 4 amendments to the By-Laws and elected two new members to the Board: Bruce Pizzaloto and Kevin Beirness.

You can find the details and minutes posted on the club website. Just ahead of the AGM I was made aware of a petition being circulated around our protocol of texting your drink order to the bar and this is being addressed by our Director of Bar and Kitchen (Brent Barton), in consultation with the Manager and Bar Staff. As everyone knows, this protocol came because of COVID, but it stayed because of the feedback we received from the membership supporting it. If the general sentiment has changed, that will need to be validated, probably in a focused survey, so stay tuned for more information on that (or feel free to reach out to Brent).

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Day of the Dead Spiel



The Winter Classic came in like a Bull ! The theme was Mexican Day of the Dead. Along with some curling teams participated in “Pin the Eyebrow on Frida”, the Sombrero Dance and Tequila Tasting.



Day of the Dead - The Champions



WCC UPCOMING EVENTS



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DEC 19	Senior Men Christmas Lunch
JAN 17 -18	Firefighter Provincials
JAN 25	Robbie Burns Bonspiel
FEB 1	Randy Chew Mens Bonspiel
FEB 7	Senior Men - Gus Brown Spiel
FEB 8	Novice Bonspiel
FEB 22	Curling Day in Canada Event

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Malcolm Macaulay from Way Better Homes - Coldwell Banker sponsors sheet 5. The unique part is that if you score 5 points at the home end of the sheet your name goes into a draw to win \$500.00 at the end of the year.

Novembers 5 on 5's



2024/25

50/50 Winners and Carryovers

Lindsay Macaulay - Winner
George Matsumura - Winner
Tony Laduca - Carry Over
Rat Redmond - Winner
Kym Imrie - Winner
Irfan Advani - Carry Over

On a personal note, I do want to comment on some of the perceptions that preordering drinks has impacted the tradition of the winners buying the losers a drink after the game. While I said above that the bar staff can transfer the drinks, I have heard people share that it just doesn't feel the same as it used to. Some people find this distressing, and some people find it a welcome change. I think it's important to honour the history of the sport of curling, but also recognize that some of the practices may not be serving the growth and engagement of the sport with a wider, and more diverse population. Everyone should be free to enjoy the social aspects of the sport of curling, in the way that suits them best, not only in the way that traditionally has been done. There are a lot of people who find the expectation to buy a drink for their opponent an extra financial burden that they may not be comfortable taking on but feel pressured to oblige. Furthermore, there is often the expectation to reciprocate. In my opinion, this is contrary to our vision at the Whitby Curling Club of being a place where everyone feels that they belong. I'm not saying that I think everyone should stop offering to buy their opponent, friend, teammate, ice staff etc a drink – by all means, please do if that's something you want to do. But I think we can do away with the expectations that are negatively impacting people's experiences. If you want a drink, have a drink. If you want to buy a drink for someone, buy a drink for someone – no strings attached! Again, this is just Pam's opinion. The Whitby Curling Club does not have a policy on this, and will not have a policy on this; our policy is "You Belong".

Pam

Representing Whitby



Team Mooibroek is made up of:

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

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
Stu Sells Tankard - Toronto: 4-3, DNQ
Henderson Fall Classic - Sault Ste Marie: 1-3, DNQ
Stu Sells 1824 Classic - Halifax: 5-1, Runner Up



Team Ladouceur is made up of:

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

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
Stu Sells Tankard - Toronto: 0-3, DNQ
Stu Sells 1824 Classic - Halifax: 1-4, DNQ
Swiss Chalet Stadium Spiel - North Bay: 4-1, Semi Finalist

This weekend a rag tag group of 8 ladies from WCC ventured north to join the Georgian Bay Ladies Open at the Parry Sound Curling Club. We arrived transformed into Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs. 3 great days of curling and 5 games later, Snow White, Sneezy, Grumpy and Doc emerged victorious!! Great curling ladies!



SENIOR WOMENS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mary Chilvers, playing lead for Team Ontario had an incredible week in Moncton, New Brunswick playing in the Senior Womens National Championship. During the Round Robin Play and right up until the final game they were undefeated. In the Gold Medal Game against Alberta MARY and her team pushed right until the final stone but ended up losing 5 - 4. Congratulations Mary on this incredible accomplishment.





Volunteers Shout Out

We built a float and participated in the Whitby Santa Claus Parade. We had a great group help build and walk in the parade. Thank you to all that volunteered.

Chris Boers
Ozzy
JC Phillips
Rob Phillips

Karen Bemister
Yvonne Wedge
Craig Muir


Nancy Kerr
Paul Kerr

Chris Brasseur
Tom Brasseur

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