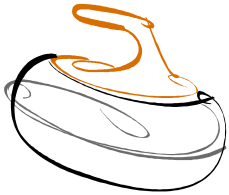
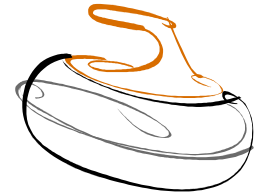


Brant Curling Club



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September, 2011

President's Memo

Welcome back from a long hot & humid summer. I certainly hope everyone enjoyed many holidays & time off with your friends & family.

Even though there are still many rounds of golf left, the 2011-2012 curling season is here. The Board of directors has been working diligently over the summer to provide you with the very best curling club possible. The ongoing process of dealing with the many issues of our Brant Club has kept everyone extremely busy.

As I am sure most of you have heard our ice maker, Todd Maslin, gave his notice over the summer and is no longer with us. I know we all wish the best of luck in his future endeavors. We have hired Lou Anne Pauh to be our new ice maker. Lou Anne brings a wealth of experience with her as she is one of only a few Level 5 Ice Technicians in Canada. The Board is very excited to have Lou Anne as part of our team at the Brant and we look forward to the championship ice and attention to detail she is known for.

We have a variety of new advertising packages and options for our sponsors to take advantage of this year. We are trying to deliver more value to those who sponsor the leagues and the club and promote their businesses and brands as best as possible. Without our sponsors, our club could not function the way it

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OPENING WEEK

OPEN HOUSES AND REGISTRATION

SEPTEMBER 21 – MEN'S – 6:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 22 – WOMEN'S – 6:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 23 – MIXED – 7:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 27 – DAY MEN'S – 10:30 A.M.

OCTOBER 16 – LITTLE ROCKS – 6 – 11 YEARS - 12:30 P.M.

OCTOBER 16 – BANTAM – 12 – 16 YEARS – 1:45 P.M.

OCTOBER 16 – JUNIORS – 17 – 20 YEARS – 1:45 P.M.

NEW CURLER INSTRUCTION / BRING A FRIEND NIGHT

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29 & FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30

7:00 P.M.

SUN LIFE INVITATIONAL

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18 – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20

NISSAN CLASSIC

FRIDAY DECEMBER 2 – SUNDAY DECEMBER 4

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HAVE A LOOK!!



does. The members of the Brant Club have always done a great job at supporting the sponsors and I know you will continue to do so.

I am also very pleased and excited that the Tuesday Night draw league that started last year is continuing to grow and may have a full draw this year. Thanks to John Alford for his efforts in getting this much needed league off the ground. It has attracted quite a number of new members to our great club. On that note, in an effort to attract more members the board decided to offer an incentive of a \$30.00 bar credit to any existing member who brings in a new member. A new member is defined as someone who has NEVER been a member of the Brant Curling Club.

Lastly, I want to give a big thank you to those who volunteer their time as part of committees etc. It is the volunteers that help make our club such a great place and run so efficiently. I ask of all our members to take the time if you are asked and give a helping hand with spiels, leagues etc.

Let's Have a Great Season.

Sean Bryant
President

Vice President's Report

We are pleased to welcome new members, as well as our returning members, to a new season of Curling at the Brant Curling Club. We have been busy over the past few months with numerous upgrades and additions to our facilities, a few of which are as follows:

First you will see a new digital clock on the far end wall, which is designed not only to show the actual time but will notify teams on the ice, by virtue of a loud horn, of the completion of 1hour and 50 minutes of scheduled play, after which a new end will not be started. The primary reason for this change is to maintain scheduled start-times for all regular Brant Curling Club league play while allowing sufficient time for ice preparation between draws.

Next you will notice a large posting on the ice side of the compressor room wall identifying basic club rules and etiquette. Although these are not new to existing members, they should be reviewed by all periodically to insure compliance. They are basic to the game of

curling in all clubs and should be followed by all members in our club.

We also have replaced the Plasma TV, which was raffled off last April, with a new LCD TV which has a non-reflective screen. This TV was paid for by monies donated by the Day Ladies and the Senior Day Men's leagues.

Finally we were extremely pleased with the 20+ senior men who volunteered in May to prepare the ice area for summer rental and those who assisted in September in removing chairs and tables in preparation for the curling season.

The Brant Curling Club, as a member-owned, non-profit club, relies heavily on the support of its members in an effort to reduce costs thus minimizing fee increases.

Don Allen

Marketing and Membership

Summer is ending and thoughts turn to fall and our favourite indoor sport. **Curling**. We have been busy seeking sponsor partnerships and promoting our club for new members. Why wouldn't we, as we all know it is the best way to enjoy October to April. To further our membership promotion the Board has decided to offer any member bringing a brand new joining member a \$30 bar credit. Why not bring your neighbour, cousin, friend or brother-in-law and share what our great club has to offer. Great ice, great friendships and once again the return of Tom in the kitchen. We look forward to seeing you all back and sharing the curling season with you.

Greg Grummett

Marketing & Membership



Friday Night Mixed

As we start a new season, we first wish to THANK Al and Donna English who have decided to take a break from running the league for the past several years to become "just regular curlers". I'm sure we will be asking you a lot of questions over the next year, and we appreciate all you have done for the mixed league.

The Mixed League has a new committee full of rookies who are pumped for the new season, and we are hoping you will be too. We have decided that Friday Night should focus more on the FUN aspect of curling, therefore one of the changes we have made is to forego with the old point system of wins and losses. We will mark only wins and losses. The top teams at the end of the draw will be recognized, but again, everyone will be eligible for a prize.

Staying true to form to the MIXED league, we are setting aside the 3rd week of every draw as Tumbleweed Night. What is Tumbleweed? For those of you who don't know, it's when everyone takes a turn at each position. We feel it will give everyone the opportunity to try out each position from Lead to Skip, and maybe give you the itch to try to move up the ranks. If nothing else, it might give you a better understanding for the game. And don't worry if you have never skipped or viced before. There will be LOTS of help all around you!

At this time, I would like to introduce you to our committee this year:

Sylvia Chupka – Chair
George Wheatley – Treasurer
Barb Hobson – Secretary
Cliff Hobson – Draw Chair
Betty Gordon – Committee
Judy Alford – Committee

We are looking forward to a great season, and check out the bulletin board at the far end of the lounge for upcoming events, sign-ups and other stuff!!

I hope you are all looking forward to some fun curling as much as we are!

Sylvia Chupka

Tuesday Night Open Fun Curling League

After what I consider an extremely successful 2010-11 for our new league, we are really looking forward to the coming season. From all accounts every one of last year's brand new curling members is coming back for some Tuesday night curling fun. Many of these folk have confirmed they are bringing out their friends to join our league. (As of Sept. 12th that number is 12 new curlers)... "FANTASTIC"... This group was easily one of the most social groups at our club, so if you want to have a great time, think about curling with our Tuesday Fun Group. In addition, if you know someone that has always wanted to try curling get them to come to our "Bring A Friend" open house on The 29th & 30th of September & sign them up for the Tuesday League. See on the ice.

John Alford

Business Women

Welcome Back Ladies to another curling season. Did the summer just fly by? Hope everyone had a great summer.

Ladies Opening is September 22, 2011 at 6:30. This is a great time to meet and greet with your friends and team mates from 2010. This is also a chance for new members to get to know the Club . Snacks will be provided and the bar will be open.

Tuesday Night Ladies Draw chair is Donna English
Thursday Day Ladies Draw chair is Sue Laurin
Thursday Night Ladies Draw chair is Janice Baldwin.

We still have an opening for the Tuesday Day Ladies Draw chair. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact Sonja Selmes.



What we are doing.....

The board has over the past year been involved with the Tournament Brant Group. Sean Bryant & Greg Grummett have attended this group's meetings to have our club become more involved with other sports groups in Brantford. The group has shared different ideas as to bringing a higher profile of our club in Brantford & the surrounding area, plus allowed us to show what the Brant Curling Club has to offer. On Saturday August 22nd & Saturday September 10th the Tournament Brant Sports groups have their signups for participants. We set up a "Brant Curling Club" display booth on those dates at the Lynden Park Mall to help promote our club & attract new members. The inquiries & response from patrons of the mall was very good. We were able to attract a number of junior curlers plus many of their parents are going to give curling a try during our two "Bring a Friend" open house nights on Thursday September 29th & Friday the 30th. I believe this is just another avenue to help our club become even more successful & be the best club in the area. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped man the display booth.

John Alford

Sun Life Classic

Keep these dates open!!

November 18 – November 20

The Big Boys and Girls are coming to play!!

If you thought last year's line up was impressive, wait until you see who is coming this year!

Watch for posters coming soon.....

Building & Grounds

The construction and relocation of electrical equipment in the compressor room was completed over the summer. This included the removal of the old dehumidifier and the installation of a newer and more efficient machine. With the help of a **Trillium Grant of \$14,000** approximately half the cost of these improvements and TSSA mandated necessities are covered with the balance of costs coming from the Capital Reserve Fund.

A BIG THANK-YOU to the volunteers who assist in preparation for summer rentals of the ice shed and those volunteers who help put things back in preparation for another curling season. Your dedication and assistance is very much appreciated!

Wayne Millward

CURLING TERMINOLOGY :

- **Tough shot:** Anything the Skip misses.
- **Crap shot:** Anything you miss.
- **Blanked end:** Nobody had draw weight.
- **Bury:** What you do with your head when you hog your rock in the eighth end.
- **Double:** What you order at the bar when you lose.
- **Draw weight:** Damned if I know!

