



## March 2020 Newsletter

### Marmora and Area Curling Club

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#### **President's Message:**

Well, another successful curling season is almost completed. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the board to thank you for your continued participation in this year's curling which included regular league play, bonspiels and monthly funspiels. And a very special thank you for all of your volunteer efforts in the many successful events that we have had this season which included the chicken pot pie fundraiser, the cash calendar draw, and working the various bonspiels and funspiels, and the volunteer coaching assistance that was provided to the curling clinics, the youth league, the schools and COPE curlers.

And let's not forget our board members, who have put in many hours to help ensure the successful ongoing operations of the club.

Speaking of volunteers, we also implemented a new arrangement this year with our new ice maker by providing 3 volunteers from the club membership to assist with ice preparation activities for the evening draws. Unfortunately, our ice maker can't commit to full-time ice-making next season, so we are considering several possibilities, including increasing volunteer involvement in ice maintenance and, therefore, we are looking to extend this volunteer opportunity to additional club members for next season. We will be developing our plan for next season in short order, so if you are interested, please contact Mike, Curt or Peter for further information or to express your interest by March 20th.

Our Volunteers, in addition to the curling events and fundraisers that have been held during the season, have organized a number of social events that have also been successful in bringing members and non-members into the club, such as the casino night, euchre tournaments and the Friday night Open Mic nights.

And we have great news on the club improvements front. We have been awarded a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to renovate the basement bathrooms and improve the HVAC at the club. The design activities are nearing completion and construction will commence the week of April 6<sup>th</sup> with targeted completion in late June. We need to clear out the basement furniture for the start of construction, so please make sure your lockers are cleaned out and locks removed by Wed April 1<sup>st</sup> and help us with the clear out.

Looking into the off season, we have a number of events planned, starting with the club annual banquet on April 4th. Please have a look at our events list on the next page. And, with these events also come volunteer opportunities. Yes, one of the key success factors of this club is the volunteer time put in by its members, so I thank you in advance for your continued support in this area.

A special note regarding the Jamboree. The current Jamboree committee's term will end with the 2021 Jamboree, therefore, that is the last one scheduled to be run by the club. I would like to thank this committee for its success over the past 3+ years. We are in the process of determining if we should continue with the Jamboree beyond the 2021 Jamboree. In order to do that, we need volunteers to form a new committee. We will be reaching out to all members over the next few weeks to ascertain the club's desire to continue with the Jamboree. This event coupled with the annual yard sale is the largest combined fundraiser for the club.

Once again, thank you for another successful season and have a happy and safe summer!

Neil McQueen

**League Info:**

Leagues are into their last month of play. League play ends at the end of March with the season closing fun spiel on Sat March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Another successful season for our youth league this year, with 15 youths participating.

The new Thursday night “doubles” league this season was a resounding success. We even had our first “six-ender” (which is the equivalent of an 8-ender in regular curling); Congratulations to Brad & Debbie Lytle!



**Marmora & Area Curling Club – Upcoming events!**

**Club Closing Fun Spiel (Send a kid to camp):** Sat Mar 28<sup>th</sup>

**Special Members Meeting:** 5:30pm on Wed April 1<sup>st</sup>

**Friday Open Mic Nights:** 7pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month. April 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our last one until after the basement renovations have been completed.

**Annual Club Banquet:** Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>, dinner at 6pm; cocktails at 5:30.

**Spring ATV Poker Run:** Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**CVJ Jamboree:** June 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Yard Sale:** June 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Golf Tournament:** Saturday Aug 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Fall ATV Poker Run:** Saturday Sep 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual General Meeting & Registration:** Sunday Sep 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

There are plenty of opportunities in many different capacities to get your 12 volunteer hours in, even during the off-season. Sign-up sheets are posted at the club. Everyone has skills that can be utilized to help keep the club running as cost-effectively as possible.

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**Board of Directors:**

President: Neil McQueen,  
 VP: Jamie Walker  
 Treasurer: Bill Hossack,  
 Secretary: Richard Langley  
 Facilities: Curt Farrell, Maintenance: Mike Gaebel  
 Bar Steward: Maria Langley,  
 Rentals: Sheila Ylipelkola, Kitchen: Myrtle Barry,  
 Volunteer Management: Joy Reid  
 Membership: Peter Ylipelkola,  
 Past President: Paul Speight  
 Monday Night Mixed: Myrtle Barry & Dennis Lecuyer  
 Tuesday Afternoon Mixed Stick: Donna Gabourie  
 Tuesday Night Open: Peter Ylipelkola  
 Wednesday Afternoon Ladies: Betty Bonnema & Maria Langley  
 Wednesday Night Men's: Doug Leary  
 Thursday Afternoon Retiree's: Sheila Ylipelkola  
 Thursday Afternoon Youth: Lori & Mike Thorne  
 Thursday Night Doubles Open: Wendy Blanchard  
 Friday Evenings: Lin & Jamie Walker

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