



THE BURNT ROCK NEWSLETTER

Niagara Falls Curling Club

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Don't forget the Club will close for XMAS on Dec 22 and will reopen on Jan 2

Dec 2023 Issue

Grand Slam - A Big Success!



On Oct 22 at 11pm, the last of Sportsnets equipment was loaded onto the transport truck and the doors sealed bringing to a close a very successful event!

When the process started over 2 years ago, we had 2 simple goals: generate some money to help with aging infrastructure and build excitement in the Club and increase membership. I'm happy to report that we achieved both of our goals and continue to see dividends from the exposure that curling coverage had in our City.

The event, quite simply, was the largest event that the Club has ever undertaken in its history and showcased what is possible when you commit, have the support of your membership and a community of people helping. We were greeted with that enthusiasm and encouragement; from our earliest meetings with the Mayor and his team at City Hall, to the facility staff at the Gale Centre, our very generous event sponsors and the members of our Club.

It was truly exhilarating to be a part of the event.

Sean

POST IT FUN FACT

The curling stones we throw come from a quarry in Northern Wales - Tre-for Quarry..coincidently it is also a filming location for The House of the Dragon this season :)

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Men's Section Collecting Non-Perishable Food Items for Project Share

A box in the lounge will be setup to accept donations of non-perishable food items this week. A list of the most needed items from the Project Share website is listed. If you want to dig a little deeper, consider helping to make a Christmas a little brighter for a child and help with the Christmas Program wishlist below. Those items can be dropped off directly at **Project Share 2-4129 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls ON L2E 7H3**

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Fruits and vegetables – fresh, frozen and canned
- Peanut butter
- Baby food including rice cereal (pablum)
- Baby formula
- Protein items such as meat, fish, beans, eggs and cheese
- Boost/Ensure
- Feminine hygiene products
- Diapers (especially size 6) and pull-ups
- Toiletry items like shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WISHLIST 2023

SEE WHAT TOYS AND GIFTS ARE TRENDING THIS YEAR AND
WHAT ARE IN THE HIGHEST DEMAND!

Favorite toys for little kids:

- Squishmallows
- Family Board games
- Art supplies and Craft Supplies
- Science Kits
- Vtech interactive toys
- Leapfrog brand toys
- Pretend play toys (food sets, dolls, etc)
- Lego block sets
- Childrens books
- Cars and trucks, Remote Control Cars
- Barbie dolls
- Winter Coats



For Tweens/Teens:

- LED room decor lights
- PS4 or Xbox controllers
- Keyboards (eg. gaming keyboards)
- Headphones (eg. over-the-ear headphones)
- Video games (PS4, Xbox, Nintendo Switch)
- Roblox, Playstation, or Xbox gaming gift cards
- Skateboards, Scooters
- Helmets
- Hockey Sticks/Pucks, Volleyball Knee Pad, Basketballs
- Hygiene kits and body care products
- Gift Cards for stores like Amazon, Urban Planet, SportChek, Shoppers Drug Mart
- Electric shavers
- Make up or Sephora Gift Cards
- Purses and wallets
- Flat irons and curling irons
- Jewelry
- Art Supplies
- Cineplex Gift Cards
- Winter Coats
- Winter Boots
- Athletic wear (Hoodies and Sweatpants)
- Clothing
- Bedding (twin or double sized bed sheets and comforters)

If you want to
experience the
true meaning of
Christmas, give
something to
someone in need
without thought
of recognition.

New Daytime League Forming

NIAGARA FALLS CURLING CLUB

2023-2024



Monday Afternoon Partners League

Recreational, fun league - all levels welcome!

12:30 start beginning Monday January 8'24

Proposed Rules

Draws will be determined based on the number of teams. Possibly 3 - 3 week draws or 2 - 4 week draws. Playoffs TBD.

All games are 8 ends and start at 12:30 Mondays.

4 rock free guard zone in effect.

Scoring: Win /Loss. If game ends in a tie, one draw to the button with sweeping thrown by any member of the team.

Vice Skips please circle winner on the draw schedule.

Players do not have to play in the order listed on the schedule. Skip has final say as to positions.

Sign up with a partner for the duration of the season, or individually and you will be paired with a partner if available. Individuals will be placed with other individuals for the season but change teammates each draw.

Let Draw Master know as soon as possible when a spare will be needed.

colleenchilvers@mac.com 905-401-6131 or Erin Hand erinmhand@gmail.com

Recent Bonspiel News

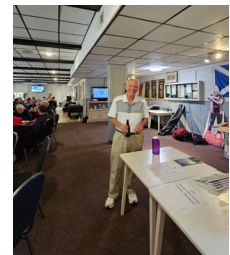


ROSS TARLTON BONSPIEL

On November 9-11 the Niagara Falls Curling Club played host to the Ross Tarlton Bonspiel for the 3rd time in its 67 year history. The Ross Tarlton is a friendly competition between the Grand National Curling Club of the United States (like our Curling Canada) and Clubs from the Ontario Curling Association. Teams from as far away as Georgia competed in the 3 day Spiel. Our hometown team



of : Jeff Glover, Brian McAndrew, Mike Mann, and Dave Grimo fought hard for the Ontario contingent which ultimately triumphed. The event will take place at a yet to be named Club in the United States around Remembrance Day next year before making its way back to Ontario and the Toronto Cricket Club in 2025. A big thank you to Dave Grimo and Brian McAndrew for all the work in making the Ross Tarlton a big success at NFCC.



Grand National Curling Team (USA) vs Our NFCC Warriors
Mike Mann, Brian McAndrew, Jeff Glover, and Dave Grimo

Festival of Lights Bonspiel Makes a Return

On November 22 the Festival of Lights Bonspiel made a return to the NFCC. Since Nov 2019 the Bonspiel had been on hiatus because of Covid and a slow return to Bonspielling in Ontario. The Organizing committee of: Paula Mann, Brenda Grimo, Susan Howard, Ellen Benner, Lynne Coull and Lisa Johnston did a fabulous job of putting on the popular event. The event was shortened this year from a 2 day to 1 day event after consultations with previous participants. Their was no lack of colourful and festive attire that made an appearance at the Spiel :)

Well done ladies!



**Pro Shop
XMAS SALE!!**

EVERYTHING 10% OFF



NEW



NEW



Club Seafood Fundraiser

SHRIMPS

RAW 21 – 25 \$16.00

16 – 20 \$18.00

COOKED 26 – 30 \$15.00

16 – 20 \$ 19.00

SCALLOPS

\$26.00

ALL ARE 1LB. PACKAGES

I m p o r t a n t D a t e s

Dec 22, 2023

Club Closing for Xmas

Jan 2 2024

Club Opens for 2024

Jan 5 2024

Niagara District Seniors
@NFCC

Jan 12 2024

Ladies Interclub
@ NFCC

Jan 12-14 2024

The Niagara Frontier Bonspiel

Games played at Welland,
St Catharines CC & G&CC
Finals @ NFCC

Jan 27 2024

Niagara Cup Bonspiel
NFCC vs Welland CC.
@NFCC this year

Feb 9 2024

Niagara District Seniors
@NFCC

Feb 10 2024

Battle of the Bridge
NFCC vs Buffalo CC
@ Buffalo CC this year

Feb 24 2024

The Rochester Friendly
NFCC vs Rochester CC
@Rochester CC this year

March 1, 2024

Ladies Card Party

March 2 2024

Boys & Girls Club Bonspiel

March 22-24 2024

Curling Canada
U15 Rockfest
@NFCC

March 28 2024

Kerrio Bonspiel

April 4-6 2024

Honeymoon Bonspiel

April 12 2024

Niagara District Seniors
Final Draw/Banquet

April 13, 2024

Last day of Ice



House News



Christmas Spiel

Thursday Dec. 21

2-6 end games at 10 & 1:00

Lunch and Prizes

\$25 at the door

Sign up at the kitchen board

With your preferred position

Teams will be made up



2023 Christmas Spiel

This years edition of the CHRISTMAS SPIEL has been a huge hit. The 1 day in-Club spiel is FULL! Thursday December 21st will see Club Members from many different leagues compete in a fun day of curling with 2-6 end games. Randy Elliot is busy ~~stacking~~ putting together well balanced teams for this years event. I hear that Santa may even put in an appearance to let us know who has been naughty and nice :) Stay tuned for photos from this always fun event.

Email Issues

Appologies to Members for missed AGM email. 235 members have gmail.com addresses and Google flagged them at some point in the last 2 months. When we send out Club emails I include the membership emails in BCC address block (blind copy for privacy reasons). Google did not notify us of the blocked emails. Hopefully, we have a solution.

Website

To keep informed on all the latest happening in the club don't forget to visit our website, it is updated regularly by Rob Walters.

<https://niagaracurling.com/>

NFCC Ice Maintenance

During the 2023 Christmas Break the Ice Crew and Facilities Team will be burning our ice in order to provide the best surface going into the second half of our season.

POST IT FUN FACT

There are more curling clubs within 1.5 hours of NFCC than there are in all of Scotland