



THE **Dec 2025 Edition** BURNT ROCK NEWSLETTER

Niagara Falls Curling Club

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Don't forget the Club
Resumes Regular
League Play Monday
January 5th

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**Dear NFCC members and friends,
Happy New Year!**

I hope everyone had a nice holiday season and are ready for the second half of the curling season.

Now is a good time to get new broom heads and grippers. Sean has worked on the ice over the holiday break and we want to keep it clean. Please use the Boot Buddy cleaners every time you enter the ice arena. Unfortunately, we have had a number of falls on the ice this year. Please make sure you have a new gripper and don't try and pop up from your delivery slide but come to a complete stop and use your broom for support to get up.

There are several bonspiels planned for January, February and March. Please check out the Club website for the latest information or follow our social media channels: Facebook, Twitter/X, LinkedIn and Instagram.

We also have a new 85-inch TV on the east wall of the lounge to enjoy upcoming sporting events. Come out to cheer on fellow club member, Chelsea Principi and her team, at the Ontario Curling Championships (January 4th to the 11th), NFL playoffs leading up to the Super Bowl and the Winter Olympics (February 6th to the 22nd).

More information about a club online survey is below. We want to hear your feedback and hope you will take 10-15 minutes to complete the survey. The survey is available until January 10th.

We will continue to provide updates as the season continues and look forward to seeing you soon at the Club.

Please email Sean at manager@niagaracurling.com or me at walters_rob@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Rob
President of the NFCC Board



NFCC COMPETING

**Megan Ford, Dan
Krowchuk**
Mixed Doubles

*2026 Mixed Doubles Provincial
Championship
Collingwood
Feb 5-8*

**Holly Duncan
Team Duncan**
Womens

*Curling Ontario
Men's & Women's
Championships
Elmira*

**Victor Pietrangelo
Team King**
Men's

*Curling Ontario
Men's & Women's
Championships
Elmira
Jan 4-11*

**Chelsea Principi
Team Principi**
Womens

*Curling Ontario
Men's & Women's
Championships
Elmira
Jan 4-11*

**Katie Ford
Kelly Middaugh
Team Ford**
Womens

*Curling Ontario
Men's & Women's
Championships
Elmira
Jan 4-11*

**Phynn Gallacher
Team Kano**
Men's

*2026 U18 Men's & Women's
Provincials
Penetanguishene
Jan 14-18*

**Katie Ford &
Oliver Campbell**
Mixed Doubles

*2026 Mixed Doubles Provincial
Championship
Collingwood
Feb 5-8*

**Remy Pietrangelo
Team MacTavish**
Men's

*2026 U18 Men's & Women's Pro-
vincials
Penetanguishene
Jan 14-18*

**Mackenzie Kiemele
& Graham Singer**
Mixed Doubles

*2026 Mixed Doubles Provincial
Championship
Collingwood
Feb 5-8*

**Evelyn Fish &
Phynn Gallacher**
U20 Ontario Winter
Games Mixed Doubles
Qualifier
Niagara Falls
Jan 10-11

**Claire Fish & Aaron
Benning**
U20 Ontario Winter
Games Mixed Doubles
Qualifier
Lakefield
Jan 10-11



Dear Club Members,

We need your feedback! We hope that you will take about 15 minutes to complete the survey by clicking the link below. The survey will be open until 11 pm on January 10th. Please let us know how you feel and what you want from your Curling Club this year and for years to come.

It has been five years since we last had a Club survey. The responses from the 2021 survey helped the Board and Sean to prioritize our annual goals. The purpose of this survey is to check in with the membership.

The question is, what is next? What do you like about the Club? What do you want to see us look at doing differently? As the Niagara region grows, how might we grow our membership?

The survey questions cover several areas. However, they might not cover all the issues you want to address. Please use the space at the end of the survey to let us know. Alternatively, we can set up a call to discuss if you email me at walters_rob@hotmail.com

You can receive a copy of your responses by checking the box at the end of the survey and entering in your email address.

If you have any problems accessing the survey, please email me at walters_rob@hotmail.com for assistance.

Click the link below to begin the online survey

Thank you for taking time to let us know your feedback!

Rob

President of the NFCC Board



CLICK HERE
FOR SURVEY

SHRIMPS

(1 Lbs Packages)

RAW

16 – 20 \$17.00

COOKED

21 - 25 \$16.00

16 – 20 \$18.00

SCALLOPS

(227g Packages)

\$16.00



The Second Annual Teddy Bear Cup!

Saturday February 21st, 2026

Registration starts @ 8:00am

First Draw starts @ 9:00am

\$40/player

Guaranteed Minimum 2 Games

Lunch & Snacks & Prizes

On-ice Coaches

Every player must have five years experience or less

Put in a team of four or sign up as an individual

Scan the QR Code to sign up.

e-Transfer to NFCu5bonspiel@gmail.com



REGISTER HERE



MILANO CORTINA
2026



REGISTER
HERE

CALCUTTA BONSPIEL

Draft + Auction: January 23, 2026 - 7pm

Games: January 24 - 25, 2026

@ NIAGARA FALLS CURLING CLUB

\$50 / person

3 Games Guaranteed

Lunch included Saturday

Cash & Other Prizes to be Won

Current & Past Members Only

**Join the Olympic spirit by dressing in your
favourite national attire, like your favourite Olympic
athlete, or even like your favourite Olympic sport**

Niagara Cup

January 10, 2026



VS



Ryder Cup Format

\$55 - Includes lunch, snacks, and prizes

Sign up as an individual

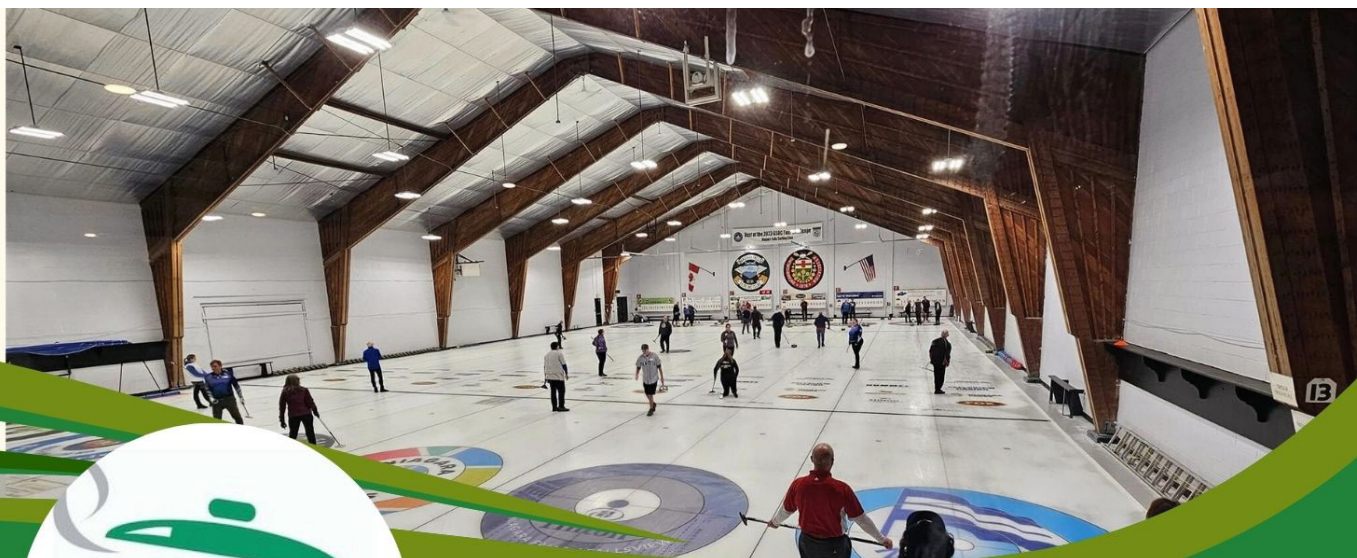
Game time 9:00 or 10:00 am

3-8 end games

*Eight-player teams will rotate:
four players for the first four ends,
four for the last four. Repeat 3 times.*

[Register Here](#)
[Time is Limited](#)





**The Soup
Kitchen**

Niagara Falls
Community
Outreach

HURRY HARD! FOR HUNGER

**GATHER FRIENDS, FAMILY, OR
COWORKERS TO FORM A TEAM, OR SIGN
UP INDIVIDUALLY TO BE PLACED WITH
OTHERS. ALL AGES AND ABILITIES
WELCOME!**



JANUARY 17TH, 2026

**8:30am Registration
begins**



**Niagara Falls Curling Club
5801 Morrison St.
Niagara Falls**

About Our Event!

Join the community for a day of curling, fun, and giving back at the Hurry Hard! For Hunger charity bonspiel. All proceeds support the Niagara Falls Soup Kitchen. Ice Time sponsored by the Niagara Falls Curling Club



Event Highlights

**Each team plays two 6-end
games**

**\$260 per team or
\$65 per individual**

**Morning Glow
Hot Lunch**

Everyone wins a prize!

50/50 draw

Prizes for Best Costume

REGISTER NOW! anetafleming@gmail.com



House News

Why Burning? Fair question and i'm asked often. Over the course of 3 months of action, sheets can start to develop a little bit of a 'memory'...maybe we have unevenly pebbled sheets..scraped inconsistently..any number of things. Here in Niagara we also flood with City Water. That water has many things in it that are less than ideal for a curling sheet (minerals/salts). Any of those undesirable items float to the surface when we 'burn' and can be scraped off. What about the pebble water?

Our pebble water is filtered: for sediment (x2), carbon filter, pushed through reverse osmosis and finally through a de-ionizing filter (<5ppm solids)....so it's good.



Mid Burn on Sheet B



Our XMAS 2025 Burn Crew
Andrew Stoakley
Aidan Barron
Sean Ford



The Finished Product-that shine is the undesirable stuff that floated to top

Are There Alternatives To Burning?...Yes

OPTION 1:

Hire a better ice maker, shorten the season to 3 months and never mess up. (The Board is putting together the RFP)

OPTION 2:

Controlled Melt- Fire up the heaters and turn off the ice plant and wait for the surface to liquify. Issues-building doesn't melt evenly, chance of losing paint (disperses)

OPTION 3:

Flood- Rent large-scale de-ionized water filtration from Jet ice. Issues - not cheap to rent and your adding water to the sheets (ice is an insulator)...if you don't use De-ionized water then you end up with the same City Water problems

POST IT FUN FACT

It takes our 'burner' approximately 45 minutes to traverse all the way down 1 sheet of ice. We could extend that time depending on how deep we want to melt

They aren't selling burners anymore and the gentleman that made them is no longer with us..we are lucky to have the burner as an option

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/>

Where To Get Scores/ Watch Curling Online

***Curling
Zone***

***Curling
Canada Youtube***

***Grand
Slam Live Stream***

***Curling
Stadium Edmonton***

***Ontario
Curling Tour***

***Curling
Stadium North Bay***

***Curling
Ontario Scoreboard***

***Curling
Channel Tv (Subscription)***

***World
Curling***