



THE BURNT ROCK NEWSLETTER

Niagara Falls Curling Club

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back and forth trying to arrange a convenient time for a zoom meeting. With a few more emails, calls, and a small trove of documents we were ready to reach out to the City and gauge interest in helping us out with this endeavour.

In Dec 2021 we had a meeting with the Mayor Jim Diodati, Jason Burgess (CAO), and Serge Felicetti (Econ. Dev). Following that meeting, Spencer and I felt confident that we could proceed with some inperson meetings with the Sportsnet team, so in March of this year we invited Sportsnet down to tour the Gale Center and assess its suitability for the event. Mayor Jim, Jason, and Serge joined us for the tour and could not have done a better job in selling the City and the event! The very

next day we received some dates to consider for hosting.

In July we took our proposal to host to City Council and with unanimous support it passed. In the coming weeks we will ink a formal deal with Sportsnet and then the real work of planning to bring this event off begins. In October of 2023, the Niagara Falls Curling Club, Gale Center, and City of Niagara Falls will play host to 64 of the worlds best curlers in the 2023 Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling Tour Challenge. We are looking forward to bringing this event here and to showcasing our Club and our City. We hope you will want join us on this journey :)

Sean & Spencer

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A Grand Slam Here in Niagara Falls?



Don't forget the
Summer Social on
August 25th from
6-9pm

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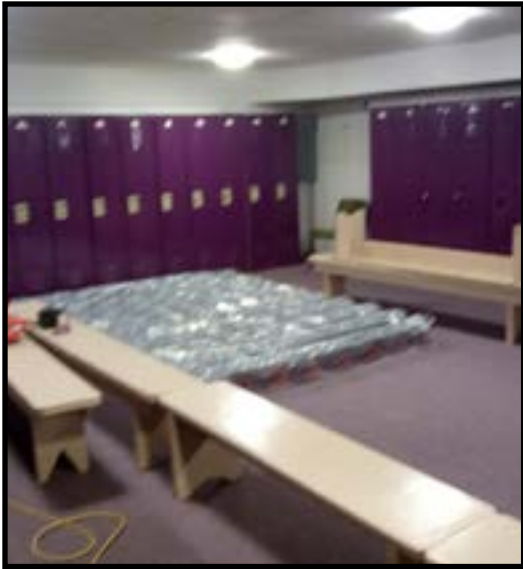


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SUMMER PROJECTS



Men's Locker Room

Project Team

Dave Grimo

Randy Elliot

Dave Calvert

Doug Ireland

When curlers return to the club in October, our male members will be greeted by a new paint colour in the locker room. Dave Grimo championed a paint colour change on our lockers this year, following up on a bathroom refreshment undertaken last year by our Senior Men. In order to make the colour change, the project



team removed all the stickers on the exterior of the lockers and sanded the surfaces to help with the paint adhesion. It was a lot of work.. and a fair bit of dust 😊 but the results were worth it. Thank you Dave, Randy, Dave, and Doug!

SUMMER PROJECTS

Front Entry & Ice House Doors

Project Team

Dave Grimo

Dave Calvert

Sean Ford

I think we can all admit that the Entry was due for a refresh. Although the South and East wall had some paint a few years ago, the carpet and railing had not been touched in decades. The railings have become loose over time and the carpet..well thankfully nobody looks that closely at it to notice the discoloration,

pitting, and generally poor condition of it 😊 (it had been down so long..it really didn't owe us anything). The painting should be complete during the week of August 8-12 with the new carpet being installed on August 19th.

While the paint brushes were out and the motivation good, Dave and Dave undertook the painting of the doors that lead into the arena. Its another step in the restoration process, well done guys!



Stay Tuned For Completed Photos

SUMMER PROJECTS

A/C Installation



Project Team

Jeff Glover

Randy Downey

Steve Kiemele

Ron Cassie

Bill Walters

Sean Ford

As part of our Strategic Plan and the ongoing hunt for revenue, renting of the club lounge during our off season presents some opportunities. Sadly, without a functioning A/C system for the lounge, it gets quite stifling in there during the warmer months.

Jeff Glover was able to secure us an A/C unit for a fantastic price through his business contacts and a group of volunteers have assisted in the mounting of the unit. Our initial attempt at getting the unit onto the wall brackets involved ladders and many hands..unfortunately this proved to be unsuccessful. A call to Bill Walters for some assistance came in the form of a very large lift making it look almost too easy..thank you Bill. With the unit mounted and wired, it will be commissioned the week of Aug 8-12. Thank you to all for a job well done!!



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

Aug 25, 2022

Summer Social Evening
6-9pm

Sept 1, 2022

Compressor Start

Sept 21, 2022

Opening BBQ @Club
4:30-9pm

Oct 2, 2022

Ice Ready, Practice Week

Oct 7, 2022

Regular League Begins

Oct 14-16, 2022

OCA Club Championship
Qualifier @NFCC

Nov 4, 2022

Ladies Card Party

Nov 23-24, 2022

Festival of Lights Bonspiel

Dec 8-9, 2022

Master's Spiel

Dec 23, 2022

Last Day of Curling 2022

Jan 2, 2023

Curling Resumes

**Jan 13-15 or 20-22,
2023**

Firefighters SOFFCA

Jan 18, 2023

Strathcona Cup
8am

Jan 27-29, 2023

OCA U21 Men's/Women's
Qualifiers @NFCC

Feb 10-12, 2023

Valentine's Bonspiel

Feb 18, 2023

Boy's & Girl's Club Bonspiel

Feb 23, 2023

Kerrio Bonspiel

Honeymoon Bonspiel

TBA

April 15, 2023

Last day of Ice



House News



Good Luck Ed

For the last year you may have seen Ed Melanson on Tuesday night in the rec league..or perhaps sparing on one of the other nights..maybe in the boys & girls club bonspiel... He curled as much as his schedule would allow last year, often times bringing some of his teammates; Mark, Robert, and Lee with him. The team was made up of Fort Erie firefighters, Ed being the Chief of the Fort Erie Fire Department. They are a fun team to have around and their work experience proved invaluable when we had an unfortunate fall one Tuesday night last year.

Ed has taken another job with the Saugeen Shores Fire Department and will be leaving the NFCC 😞 We would like to wish Ed well on his new challenge and hope that he will visit us again sometime. Take Care and Good Curling Ed!

Below is a recent article the Review did on Ed

<https://www.niagarafallsreview.ca/local-fort-erie/news/2022/07/03/we-have-a-remarkable-department-chief-reflects-on-time-with-fort-erie-fire-services.html>

Parking Lot

Anyone driving past the club in the next couple of weeks may notice more cars in the off season than usual. The Canada Games people will be using our parking lot as overflow for Oak's park.

Membership Rates 22/23

In the coming weeks we will be sending out another newsletter listing the new rates for the coming year and the initiative to take registration online.

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 Kid

Our very own Indiana Stoakley made the papers at the end of the year for designing an arcade game system while at Westlane. Good luck at school in the fall Indy!

<https://www.niagarathisweek.com/news-story/10658319-westlane-secondary-students-in-niagara-falls-cap-off-school-year-with-video-game-console-project/>

POST IT FUN FACT

The Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling was started by the players (men first) in the 2001/2 season.



McCREADY, Richard Allan

November 1, 1946 - May 30, 2022
Peacefully, at his residence, on Monday May 30, 2022, Rick McCready passed away at the age of 75. Beloved father of Meghan Clark (nee McCready) and her husband Scott and the late Shane McCready. Cherished grandfather of Brandon and Mallory. Loved brother of Marlyn Honsberger (the late John), the late Bob McCready (Susie), Donny McCready (Jane), the late Billy McCready, Jack McCready (Diane) and Donna Stewart (Glen). Sadly missed by close family friend Nikki Giralametto. Rick, or "Tricky Ricky" as he was also known, worked at the Niagara Whirlpool Golf Course in his later years and also liked to get out on the golf course. Time with his friends brought him a lot of joy. His greatest pride was being the best grandfather he could be. Donations to the Niagara Falls Humane Society would be appreciated by the family. In keeping with Rick's wishes, cremation has taken place. Arrangements entrusted to Considerate Cremation & Burial Services, 26 Nihan Drive, St. Catharines (between Lake Street & Scott Street), 289-362-1144. Online condolences may be made at CCBSCares.ca

The Club hosted a remembrance for Jerry on June 2 with many members of the Niagara Falls Curling Club past and present in attendance. It was wonderful to hear all the stories of Jerry and days past in the Club. It was a good send off.



James Gerald "Jerry" COLLINS

It is with heavy hearts that we announce on the morning of April 12, 2022, James Gerald "Jerry" Collins, left us peacefully in his sleep. He leaves behind his devoted wife of 62 years, Lois, his cherished children: Terry, Tim (Lori) and Tammy, his 5 grandchildren and his great-grandson. Jerry will also be lovingly remembered by his sister Mary Lynn (Louis) as well as his nieces and his nephews. He was greeted on the other side by his grandmother Sarah, who raised him from a young age, his parents Jim and Betty as well as his beloved Sheltie "Willy".

Jerry was born in Niagara Falls, Ontario and enjoyed many happy years here. He was an employee at the American Can Company for 28 years. Jerry was very active in the sports community. He spent years curling and playing Slo-Pitch, he dedicated his time to coaching and refereeing hockey and baseball games as well as bowling for German Village. He enjoyed watching football and cheering on the Cleveland Browns.

Jerry had a contagious laugh and the best sense of humor and he was known for his one liners and sayings. One of his famous quotes was "I'm alright, the world's all wrong" He had the ability to fall asleep anywhere. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. The family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to Cathy, Darlene, Danuta and all the nursing staff at Meadows of Dorchester for the compassion and care shown to Jerry during his time there.

In keeping with Jerry's wishes, cremation has taken place. Arrangements have been entrusted to Essentials Cremation and Burial Services (905 354 2133) A private family interment will take place at a later date. If desired, donations in memory of Jerry may be made to The Heart and Stroke Foundation or to The Diabetes Society

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