



THE BURNT ROCK NEWSLETTER

Niagara Falls Curling Club

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Don't forget the Club
AGM - Annual General Meeting on
Nov 26 @5:30

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Nov. 2024 Issue

It is great to be starting the 2024-25 curling season. I hope everyone had a nice summer and are now ready to enjoy some fun on and off the ice at the Niagara Falls Curling Club.

A big thank you to members who assisted over the summer and into the fall getting the club ready and to Jackie Lynch, Tim Williams, Karen Williams, Randy Elliott for organizing another amazing Open House BBQ.

The Board has been working hard on ensuring we are saving for major upgrade projects such as a new roof and dehumidifier while also dedicating money for enhancements such as the new tv monitors in the lounge and the purchase of a new Ice King machine. We look forward to another exciting year and encourage you to check the Club bulletin boards and website for the latest on upcoming events and bonspiels.

Our Annual General Meeting will be Tuesday, November 26th at 5:30 pm in the Club Lounge. We will be providing an overview of the past year along with presenting the Financial Statements for 2023/24 season. You will be receiving more information about the Annual General Meeting by email including how you can vote even if you can not make the meeting.

Finally, a tremendous thank you to our Club Manager Sean Ford for making sure we have had a successful start to the 2024-25 season. We are so lucky to have Sean's expertise, knowledge and passion for the club and curling.

Rob



Coaches Corner - *Stopwatches*

By Sean Ford



Teams must not use electronic communication equipment, or any device to modify the voice, during a game. With the exception of stopwatches that are limited to providing 'time' data only, the use of electronic devices during the games, which provide information to players on the athletes' field of play, are forbidden

Stopwatches..whats the story. I get asked all the time what the utility of a stopwatch is? The reply usually has a couple of parts and a few caveats. Lets start with the most basic..its the

only electronic aid allowed on the ice during game play. I used the word 'aid' because at its root its supposed to help us.

Lets start with a couple of times frequently quoted:

Hog 2 Hog - (from time it crosses near hogline to when it crosses far hogline)quite often used by skips and coaches to gauge the speed of the ice. Typical times might be 13.5sec-16sec-draw shots

Split Time (Backline/T-Line to Hogline) -used by the front end to gauge the 'weight' of the shot (does it need to be swept). The interval is very short so it is prone to error(thumb not fast enough/lousy stopwatch). If the thrower pushes rock or pulls back at release you can throw the time out. Typical times might be 3.5sec-4.5sec-draw shots

Hog 2 Stop - used by the ice-maker to gauge speed of the ice. Contracts for professional events will typically specify the Hog 2 Stop time required for the ice. Typical value would be 24.5sec

So What Is The Watch Gonna Do For Us:

- 1) With a few accurate split times, the Front End players will be able to gauge right out of the throwers hand whether it needs to be swept. There are a couple things to consider when reconciling a time: is this a fresh path down the ice?...is the handle rotation reasonably consistent?...did the thrower push(add on) the release?...did the thrower pull back (slow down) the release? The stopwatch is a great second opinion on your eyes as a front end player.
 - 2) The ice will change over the course of a game, Hog to Hog times will allow you to track those changes as the sheet keens up (gets faster) or is getting heavier (slowing down)
 - 3) One of the things i preach is trying to understand why we missed or make note of the 'made' shot. You will commonly hear a skip ask for a desired weight for a takeout/tap-back/raise. If the skip puts down the broom and the thrower delivers control weight online with 3.5 rotations(10-11sec Hog2Hog) and the rock curls 2 feet in that path and makes the hit perfectly...its reasonable to expect the same broom to have the same result with the same weight and rotation...if it doesn't you have a couple pieces of information with which to understand why the shot failed (Offline, Under/Over Rotated, Faster/Slower Than Called)
- Consistent delivery and timing will yield more consistent results...thats what we are all after.

If someone said that you could bring a calculator into a test to check your arithmetic...you'd probably bring one. Curling Canada says you can have a stopwatch to curl.....

POST IT FUN FACT

The Canadian Curling Association will typically field trial new rules in Championship events and Slams first before adopting them

LOCKERS

Club Members may have noticed in the last couple of days a notice regarding lockers. It has been several years since we had an accurate locker inventory and suspect that several locks maybe hanging around on lockers since before covid from members that have not returned. We are asking all Members that have paid for a locker this season to please write their name on the lists at the bar. On November 25th we will be cutting locks off of those lockers that have not been rented for the season.

ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS

WE WILL BE DOING A LOCKER PURGE ON NOVEMBER 25TH IF YOU HAVE PURCHASED A LOCKER, PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME BESIDE THE NUMBER ON THE MENS/WOMENS(HALLWAY) LISTS AT THE BAR. FOLLOWING A LOCKER AUDIT, LOCKS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THOSE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PAID.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

UPCOMING BIG EVENT



SUPPORT OUR SPONSOR

Support our sponsor! Visit our dedicated booking link, Curling Ontario members can enjoy a 10% discount off standard flexible rates at participating Best Western hotels, available for use at any time.



HOST INFO

The Welland Curling Club is an eight-sheet facility in the greater Niagara area, founded in 1946.

Visit the Welland Curling Club Website



VISITOR INFO

Curling in Niagara Falls dates back to 1891 and after a few iterations is a six-sheet facility thriving at it's Morrison Street location!

Visit Niagara Falls Curling Club Website

Best Western Challenge

March 21-23, 2025 at Niagara Falls and Welland Curling Clubs - Entry Fee \$200 for Qualifier; Additional \$300 for teams qualifying for the Provincial.

Two Tiers - 4 Open Qualifiers per tier February 21-23, 2025	Each qualifier receives 2 berths. (Minimum of 4 entries to guarantee 2 berths). Balance distributed using weighted-average	Double knockout draws to advance to single elimination playoffs.
Provincial Championship	Two Tiers each with two round robin pools of four.	Quarter Final / Semi Final / Final Playoff

This event is open to male and female teams. All athletes aged eighteen (18) or over on December 31st, 2024.

Qualifiers are capped at 12 entries per tier, per gender, per qualifier.

Tier One:

- Only two players per team can have played on a team that has made the playoffs in a provincial championship that leads to a national championship, excluding the Club Championships, within the last three years. For the 24-25 event this would apply to provincials in the 23-24, 22-23 and 21-22 season.

Tier Two:

- Team cannot have any players that have been on a team that has made the provincial championship that leads to a national championship.

The Ontario Men's & Women's Best Western Challenge Championship teams will receive a Championship Banner, Custom "Champions" Apparel Item.

The Niagara Falls Curling Club has been selected to host another inaugural event..this time a Provincial event in concert with our Friends at the Welland Curling Club. In March of 2025 the two Clubs will play host to 48 teams of Men & Women vying for a chance to win the BEST WESTERN CHALLENGE. It should be an exciting week of competition and we will be looking for volunteers to help pull it off. Wouldn't it be nice if we had a couple of home teams entered that we could cheer on?

NFCC CURLERS COMPETING

Claire Fish, Evelyn Fish Team Keeler

Apollo Slam
November 9-10
U18 Provincial Qualifiers
Penentanguishine
Nov29-Dec1
U20 Provincial Qualifiers
Jan 3-5
U18 Provincials
Mount Forest
Jan 8-12
U20 Provincials
Jan 29-Feb2

Daniel Krowchuk & Megan Ford

Doubles
Ilderton Doubles - Ilderton
November 16-17
Trials Qualifier - Guelph
November 21-24
Ontario Mixed Doubles Qual
Dec 13-14
St. Thomas Classic - St Thomas
Dec 20-22
Tour Championship - Galt
Jan 10-12

Victor Pietrangelo & Jessica Zheng

Doubles
Trials Qualifier - Guelph
November 21-24
Trials Qualifier - Banff
Dec 5-8
St. Thomas Classic - St Thomas
Dec 20-22
Tour Championship - Galt
Jan 10-12
FISU World Games - Italy
Jan 13-23
Players Championship- Brantford
April 3-6

Spencer Maves & Jessica Humphries

Doubles
Ilderton Doubles - Ilderton
November 16-17
Ontario Mixed Doubles Qual
Dec 13-14
Ontario Provincial Champion-
ships
Feb 6-9

Kelly Middaugh Team Duncan

Womens
Swiss Chalet-Curling Stadium
North Bay
November 8-10
Stu Sells Collingwood
Nov 21-24
Stu Sells Brantford
Dec 6-9
CurlOn Provincial Qualifiers
Jan 3-5

Katie Ford Team Ford

Womens
Swiss Chalet-Curling Stadium North
Bay
November 8-10
Stu Sells Collingwood
Nov 21-24
Stu Sells Brantford
Dec 6-9
CurlOn Provincial Qualifiers
Jan 3-5

Remy Pietrangelo & Claire Fish Phynn Gallacher & Evelyn Fish

U20 Doubles
Port Perry
Nov 23-24
Dundas Valley
Dec 21-22
Dundas Valley
Feb 1-2
Dundas Valley
Feb 15-16
Dundas Valley Finals
March 1-2

Chelsea Brandwood Team Brandwood

Womens
Swiss Chalet-Curling Stadium
North Bay
November 8-10
Stu Sells Brantford
Dec 6-9
CurlOn Provincial Qualifiers
Jan 3-5

Remy Pietrangelo, Phynn Gallacher Team Newport

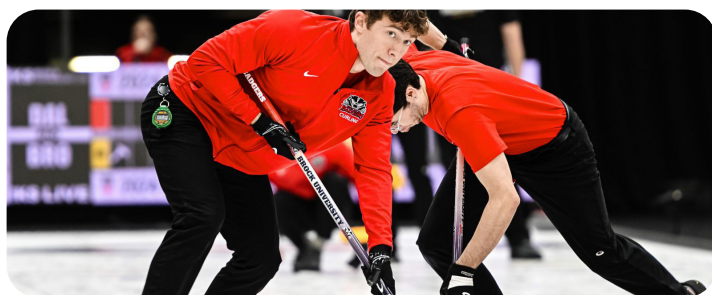
Trials Qualifier - Guelph
November 21-24
Trials Qualifier - Banff
Dec 5-8
St. Thomas Classic - St Thomas
Dec 20-22

HAPPENINGS



NIAGARA FALLS DUO
CLAIMS TEAM CANADA SPOTS
FOR WORLD UNIVERSITY
GAMES

[Click Link Above For Curling Canada Article](#)

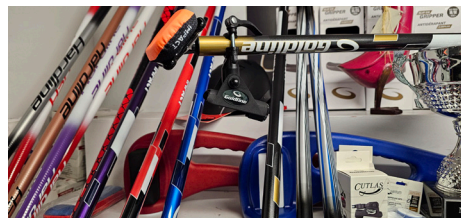


BALANCING BOOKS AND
BROOM IN PURSUIT OF GOLD
The Brock News - Stephen Leithwood

[Click Link Above For Brock News Article](#)

NEW GEAR IN THE PROSHOP

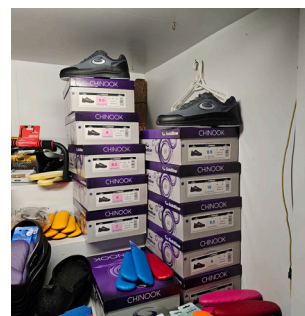
NEW DELIVERY DEVICE THAT WILL ATTACH
TO EITHER A 1" OR 1-1/8" HANDLE TO CON-
VERT A REGULAR BROOM INTO A COMBINA-
TION DELIVERY/SWEEPER -- IT'S CALLED A
CUTLAS



HARDLINE BROOMS ARE BACK
IN THE PROSHOP



WE'VE BROUGHT CURLING SHOES
BACK INTO THE PROSHOP. COME
TRY ON OUR GOLDLINE SAMPLE
SIZES



SHRIMPS

RAW

21 – 25 \$16.00

16 – 20 \$18.00

COOKED

26 – 30 \$15.00

16 – 20

ARRIVING SOON

SCALLOPS

\$28.00

ALL ARE 1LB. PACKAGES

Saturday December 14, 2024



vs.



Battle Of The Bridge

NFCC vs. BCC

At Buffalo Curling Club
91 Buffalo China Rd, Buffalo NY

Starts at 10:00am

\$30/USD or \$40/CDN

Includes Lunch

All Skill Levels Welcome!

Two 6-End Games &
Skills Competition

Sign-Up as a Team or Individual

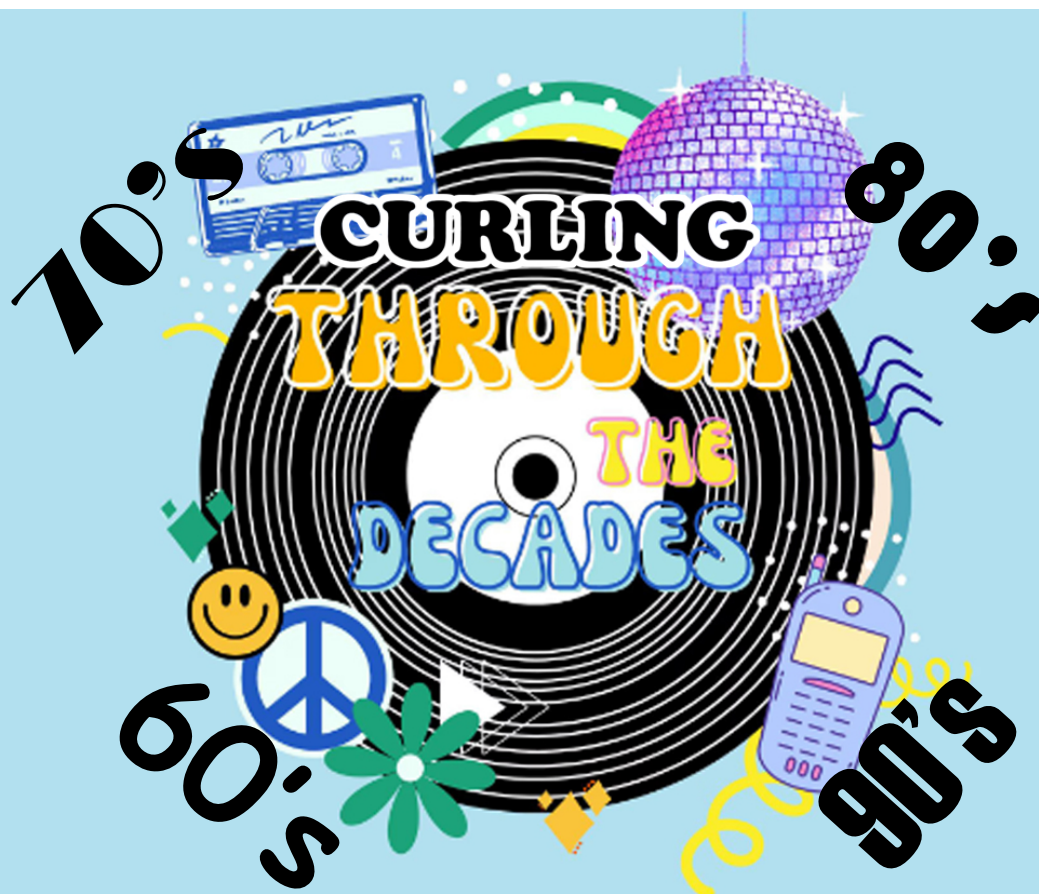


**Still Looking
For Players**

Limited to first 16 entrants.

Sign-up sheet posted on the Bonspiel Board.

Questions? Contact Jorel Sumbler—jsumbler5@gmail.com



NFCC CALCUTTA BONSPIEL

OPEN TO ALL NFCC MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT

\$50 registration per person includes:

3 games guaranteed

Saturday Night Dinner & Entertainment

Prizes and Money to Win

January 24th - 26th, 2025

Team Selection Social Event Friday January 24th, 2025 @ 7:30pm in Club Lounge

**SIGN UP AS AN INDIVIDUAL - FIRST COME FIRST SERVE
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
MANAGER@NIAGARACURLING.COM**

CALCUTTA

Rules and Format

WHO: This event is open to all current and past club members and friends of the club. All skill levels are welcome and encouraged. Participation will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

WHAT: A Calcutta is a social bonspiel that focuses on fun while incorporating competition and comraderie within our club. Every participant is guaranteed three (3) six-end games at minimum, with up to five (5) games maximum. Our theme this year Curling Through the Decades, so pull out your best vintage outfits and join a party that will span many different eras. Prizes will be awarded for the best outfits.

WHEN: Friday January 24th, 2025 @ 7:30pm - Team Selection Social Event
Saturday and Sunday, January 25th to 26th, 2025 - Games

HOW IT WORKS: Each participant will be sorted into position groups upon registration. At the Team Selection Social Event, participants will be randomly drafted into teams of four for this event. As teams are selected, a Calcutta-style Auction will be taking place to auction off majority ownership of each team to help build the overall prize pool for the event. Each participant will have a minority ownership stake in their respective team which offers them a chance to win prize money at the conclusion of the event.

WHAT IS A CALCUTTA-STYLE AUCTION: After each team is formed, an auction will take place. Participants and spectators can make bids to take ownership of the team at hand. The winning bidder will claim ownership of the team, and will be the recipient of winnings that team garners at the conclusion of the event. Team owners can at their discretion sell off stake in their owned team(s) on the secondary market. All winning bids must be paid in full before close of the Club on Friday, January 24th, 2025.

EXTRA FUN: The club is happy to include a dinner along with post-curling entertainment on the Saturday night of the Calcutta. The cost of dinner and entertainment is included in the individual registration fee.

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

Nov 1, 2024

Ladies Card Party

Nov 8, 2024

Niagara District Senior Men
@NFCC

Nov 14, 2024

XMAS Decorating

Nov 20, 2024

Festival of Lights Bonspiel

Nov 23, 2024

Annual Rochester Friendly
Bonspiel @NFCC
(The Red Duck In Display
Case)

Nov 26, 2024

AGM @5:30
Wine & Cheese All Welcome

Nov 29, 2024

Niagara District Seniors
@NFCC

Dec 14, 2024

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

Dec 19, 2024

Daytime XMAS Spiel

Dec 23, 2024

Club Closed for XMAS

Jan 6, 2025

First Day of Curling 2025

Jan 10, 2025

Niagara District Senior Men
@NFCC

Jan 11-12 2025

Frontier Bonspiel with
Welland CC

Jan 24-26, 2025

Calcutta Bonspiel @NFCC

Jan 29, 2025

Ladies Section Winterfest
Luncheon

Jan 31, 2025

Niagara District Senior Men
@NFCC

Feb 8,9 2025

U15 TBA

Feb 14-16, 2025

Valentine's Bonspiel

Feb 21, 2025

Niagara District Senior Men
@NFCC

Feb 22, 2025

Curler's Give Back Bonspiel

March 1, 2025

U15 TBA

March 7, 2025

Ladies Card Party

March 20-23, 2025

OCA Provincial Event @
NFCC

March 29, 2025

U5 Bonspiel

April 3-5, 2025

Annual Honeymoon Men's
Bonspiel

April 11-13, 2025

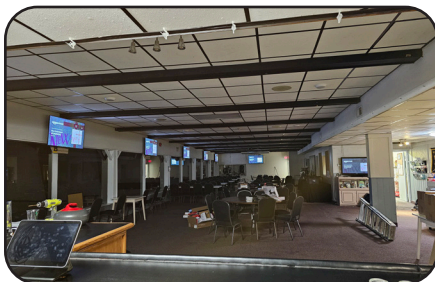
End of Year Spiel

April 13, 2025

Last Day of Ice



House News



New Audio/Video in the Lounge completed-Screens ready for sheet camera feed
Thank you to Tim Williams and Andrew Stoakley for the help getting the wire in.



The infrastructure for the Cameras is in. In the coming week we will mount the Cameras and do the final terminations and begin the process of commissioning the network. A huge thank you to Tim Williams (your Director of Facilities) for taking time off work to help me realize this project.

-Team Hobbit Success

Website

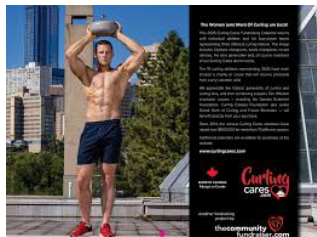
To keep informed on all the latest happening in the club don't forget to visit our website, it is updated regularly by Rob Walters.

<https://niagaracurling.com/>

**DON'T FORGET
THE AGM (ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING) ON
NOVEMBER 26 @
5:30PM. WINE &
CHEESE!**

POST IT FUN FACT

Since 2021, we have put more than 2000 feet of Cat 6 Data Cable into the Club



CHARITY CALENDAR

This years edition of the Curling Cares Calendar is available for sale at the bar. Since 2014 the Calendar has raised more than \$850,000 for 75 different causes. Several Club members have connections to people featured in this years Calendar.

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**