



Rockin' Round the House

Grand Forks Curling Club Newsletter

August 23, 2024

38 more sleeps until Registration for the 2024-2025 Season – and what a season it is going to be!!!

DATES FOR 2024-2025 SEASON

LEARN TO CURL CLINICS - October 3,4,5, 2024: Thursday & Friday: 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Saturday, October 5, 10 am – 12:00 pm .

Open to everyone – beginners, curiosity seekers and those who are eager to get on the ice and get some tips and pointers on improving their game.

For beginners – bring a pair of clean athletic shoes, wear comfortable stretchy clothes and a “can do” attitude. All equipment is provided.

\$25 per person for all 3 days. Register by email at ccgf@telus.net or by calling the curling club at 250-442-3916.

REGISTRATION - October 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm & October 6, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm upstairs in the Curling Club.

LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS - OCTOBER 7, 2024

League fees have increased slightly and we have a new streamlined registration form that I have included with this newsletter.

- We've added a Novice League that will run for 5 week sessions and will incorporate on-going coaching. *Any member interested in helping with this league please contact **Al Limbert** through the Curling Club email.*
ccgf@telus.net

GOLF & CURL BONSPIEL – OCTOBER 11-13,2024 \$150 per person

- **Open Mixed Format: (min. 1 male/1 female per team)**
Preferably signing up as a team, (we can make a spare list and/or create teams from individuals)
- First draw is **5pm on Friday October 11th,**
- DJ music Saturday evening from 8pm-11pm,

- Guaranteed 3 – 6-end skins games,
- **1pm** shotgun golf start on Saturday, dinner & DJ music from 8p-11p
- \$150/person entry fee

Contact: ccgf@telus.net to register

GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!! GOOD NEWS!!!

Your Board of Directors submitted an application for the Gaming Grant last May and have received notification that our application was approved for \$14,000! A HUGE **THANK YOU** to Xavier Nitti who put the application together and to Pam Cuthbert and Gordie Liebaert who pulled together all the required information. This money is to be used for program costs and Ice Technician salary.

We can and will apply for this grant on an annual basis. We are also submitting grant applications for the “Community Sport Development Fund” grants. These funds are to be used for facility renewal projects. Anyone interested in the grant writing process please contact **Don Backmeyer at donbackmeyer@gmail.com**

MORE GOOD NEWS!!!

Cathy Backmeyer has accepted the position of Club Manager. Cathy and husband Don moved to Grand Forks last year and became regular and enthusiastic curlers along with their daughter and son-in-law.

Cathy spent 10 years as Office Manager at the Kelowna Curling Club. During her time there, league registrations increased to over 1000 members through the addition of Novice, Stick and Pride leagues. She handled group rentals, scheduled elementary and high school classes, arranged volunteer instructors, and managed the sales from the Pro Shop.

“Having taken a Learn-to-Curl clinic it was important to participate and learn the sport to better serve the members. It turned out to be one of the best decisions I have made. Having met many curlers who were well into their sixties, seventies, and eighties, I had no excuse but to try. I currently continue to enjoy both the challenge of improving my skills and especially, the social interaction.”

“Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Manager of the Grand Forks Curling Club. I strive to meet and exceed your expectations.”

Cathy currently serves on the Board of Directors and there is no prohibition in our by-laws or in the BC Society’s Act to her being our Club Manager. The by-laws do state that should discussion arise regarding the Club operation she must recuse herself from the vote.

We are delighted to welcome Cathy Backmeyer as Club Manager.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES GET INVOLVED – IT’S FUN!!!

The Curling Club will have a booth at the **Farmer's Markets** on Fridays in September. We would love to have more friendly faces promoting curling. If there are any members of the High School Curling Team(s) that would come and be a presence – we're actively recruiting youth!!

We will also have a booth at the **Fall Fair** – we REALLY could use as many shiny faces as will come out. September 7 & 8.

Last – but never least – we will have a table at the **Parade Of Programs** on September 18 at the Secondary School.

To Volunteer for any of these opportunities: **Contact Pam Cuthbert** through the Curling Club email ccgf@telus.net or pbcutbert13@gmail.com

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OUR CURLING CLUB!

Be a **Volunteer Bartender** for our leagues.

All volunteers would need to obtain the Serving It Right Certificate by completing an online course at www.responsible-service-bc.ca/serving-it-right-course.

The cost is \$35.00 which the club will reimburse; all we ask is a commitment to work at least two bar shifts.

Contact: Cathy Backmeyer, Club Manager @ ccgf@telus.net

Volunteer Coaches for our **NEW Novice League** – Sunday afternoons 2-4p

One day a week, 5 week sessions, 1 coach per team

Contact: Al Limbert, amlimbert@gmail.com

Volunteer Teachers – for our school programs

Contact: Don Backmeyer or Cody Bartlett

Grant Writers – If you have the experience or want to learn a new skill... Grants are so important to the financial well-being of our Club - if you love word-smithing and have time we would love to have you help us out.

Contact: Don Backmeyer

Your President,
Lynn McCoy

Our Vision Statement

"We will make the sport of curling more easily accessible to everyone by providing an enjoyable curling experience through learning, fun and friendship, while expanding the uses of the club facility with the goal of being self-sufficient and financially sound."