

Rockin' Round the House

Grand Forks Curling Club Newsletter

September 23, 2024

The ice is going in! The floor is cold and Joseph is busy flooding and painting. The decals for the houses and the in-ice advertising are ordered. All seems to be progressing on schedule for the start of the season.

New this season – SPARE FEES - Always a topic of discussion

The Board discussed the various sides of this issue at our last meeting and a compromise was struck: A person can pay the \$26.25 (Membership/ Spare Fee) and when Sparing pay the \$20 spare fee (fill out an envelope with your name on the front and drop in the Spare Fee Box) – when the individual has paid 5 spare fees (\$100) they do not have to pay any more spare fees and may spare as often as they like or are needed!

Reminders:

LEARN TO CURL CLINICS - October 3,4,5, 2024:

Thursday & Friday: 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Saturday: 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 one or all 3 days. Register by email at ccgf@telus.net or by calling the curling club at 250-442-3916.

LEAGUE 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

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

Contact: ccgf@telus.net to register

Curling Season Calendar 2024 – 2025

1st Half of Season – October 7, 2024 to December 21, 2024

No Curling Dec. 22, 2024 – January 3, 2025

[January 4, 2025 New Year's FunSpiel](#)

2nd Half of Season – January 5, 2025 – March 31, 2025

What's Happening Around the House?

The weather has been fantastic for the **Farmer's Market on Fridays**. The Curling Club's booth has included the blow-up curling game featured on our Fall Fair Float. Stop by and see us at the Farmer's Markets, September 27!

The **Curling Club Float** for the Fall Fair won **A BLUE RIBBON!!** Huge thank you to Don and Cathy Backmeyer and Karren Turner for the float design and decoration. The Praski family handed out candy and danced on the float!

We were at the **Parade Of Programs on September 18** at the Secondary School. Again, our blow-up Curling Game was there for all to try their hand at.

The Curling Club is put on a **BBQ Fundraiser** outside of Save On Foods on **September 20 from 11 am to 7 pm**. Many people stopped by – and we made about \$700 for the club. Thanks to Pam Cuthbert for organizing, Kim Bartlett, Janice Horvath, Don and Cathy Backmeyer, Al Limbert, Kathy Noble, Sean Noble, Jean MacDonald, Lawrence Chambers, Xavier Nitti, Cody Bartlett for helping out!

We will be at the Farmer's Market the last Friday in September – if you can come by and spend some time in our booth promoting Curling we'd love to have you. Contact Pam Cuthbert at pcuthbert13@gmail.com

Last **Saturday, September 21**, we had a **Clean Up the Curling Club** day. We moved a few truckloads of stuff to the Re-Store, the ReCycle depot and to the dump. We washed all the sliders and grippers that are available for use and the bins we store them in, we cleaned out closets, scrubbed the upstairs kitchen, cleaned out the lower level kitchen etc. etc. etc.

A huge THANK YOU to our members who responded to my call for HELP!
You are SO APPRECIATED!

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 at 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, alimbert@gmail.com

Volunteer Teachers – for our school programs. The teachers and kiddos are eager to come curling. We even have a Physics Teacher from the secondary school who has inquired about bringing his classes. This is where the future of our club is coming from.

Contact: Don Backmeyer or Cody Bartlett at ccgf@telus.net

Grant Writing – Our club has a wish list we need to fund –

The lighting throughout the club – from the ice surface to the lobby and the lounge needs to be upgraded as the fluorescent tubes are being phased out and LED lighting will be much more efficient. Estimates are in the \$35,000 to \$40,000 range.

We need to replace flooring, cabinetry in the lower level kitchen, and painting throughout the building. The quote on the painting alone is in the \$25,000 range. We're in the process of getting quotes on the flooring and cabinetry.

The coolers in the bar are on their last legs and while we're at it we would like to remodel the bar.

We would like to renovate the bathrooms with new stalls, sinks and lighting – making them less “institutional”.

All of these upgrades and improvements will make our facility a more inviting place for events such as parties, weddings and other events.

In order to fund our wish list, Grants are so important - if you love word-smithing and researching potential grant opportunities we would love to have you help us out.

Contact: Don Backmeyer ccgf@telus.net

Phone Tree – Upon occasion we need to rally the membership for an event or a project – we **need 1 more** volunteer who is willing to phone a portion of the membership list when we have to “call out the troops”. Contact me if you are able to help in this way. Lynn McCoy 250-442-9690 or Lmccoy1307@gmail.com Thanks to **Kathy Noble** who will be heading up this group and to **Paula Boyczuk-Green** who has already stepped up.

This has been a bit “long-winded” but an informed membership is an involved membership. See you all in 11 days!

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.”