

Friday Mixed 2018-2019

Season 1 Opening Newsletter

Hello Curlers,

Welcome to the 2018/2019 curling season at the Beausejour Curling Club! For our returning members, **welcome back**, and for our new members, **welcome, we look forward to you joining us!**

I am Susan Yusishen and I'm the league co-ordinator for Friday Night Mixed Curling.

To get our season off to a great start, here are some items to note:

General Information

- Our first night of curling is on **Friday October 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm**.
- We will take a vote on the first night to decide if we want to start at 7 pm, 7:15 pm or 7:30 pm for the remaining weeks.
- The schedule of nights we curl for the entire season will be sent out with this newsletter. It's basically every other week except for a shift at the end of November due to Regional Qualifiers being held in the club on the first weekend of December.
- Our last night of curling before Christmas will be **December 14**. We will have a fun night of curling (mixing up teams, playing different rules, etc.) and then a potluck Christmas party on that night. If anyone would like to volunteer to organize the fun night, please let me know (that would count for your volunteer bond).
- After the Christmas break, curling begins again on **January 4, 2019**.
- ***If you haven't registered yet, please ensure you are at the curling rink early on October 12th, by 6:45 pm, to allow sufficient time to complete the process and start our games on time.***

Communication

- Emails – I have email addresses for the skips of each team and some other players. Skips, if some of your players are not on my email list, please ensure you pass the information on to them. If you wish to add their names to my list, just let me know.
- At the bottom of the attached draw is a name and contact phone number for each team. Skips/Contact Person – on Fri, Oct 12th, at our first night of curling, please confirm with me that I have your contact phone number correct. If you want to include an additional alternate number, let me know.

The Draw

- We have 8 teams registered for Mixed Curling.
- Attached is the draw for the first 8 weeks. It is a round robin draw (with a fun night on Dec 14 so those games don't count for the round robin)
- If your team needs to cancel a game, please contact your opponent directly to let them know. Please try to give teams at least 24 hours notice if you must cancel. Try to find spares to avoid cancellations. See notes below on spares. The team who cancelled takes the loss.
- Please ensure you mark up your wins/loses each week. Thank you!

Rules of Play & Important Information

- We will not be implementing a bell as Friday mixed is a more relaxed league and we've never really had a problem with games dragging on.
- This league encourages new players to come and learn curling. Our more experienced players are very willing to help you out, show you what to do and answer your questions (even if they are your opposition). Please ask for help as often as you feel you need it.
- Our league plays by the Curl MB rules.
 - We play with the 4 rock Free Guard Zone.
 - Spares – unlike the other leagues, we are very flexible on spares for Friday nights. You can use as many spares as you like (replace your entire team if necessary) and the gender does not matter. We just want to make sure all teams get to play as often as possible and we have some fun. Spares can also play any position.
 - The draw schedule has contact information for some people willing to spare but you can ask anyone you like. Spares who are not members of the Beausejour Curling Club pay \$7 a game to spare (payable at the bar).
 - If you have any questions about rules, please feel free to ask some of the more experienced players. They will be happy to explain them to you.

Volunteer Bond Opportunities

- Volunteer bond requirements can be met by working a shift at the curling club bar during the various bonspiels hosted by our curling club if you have your Smart Choices certification. You can be a bar helper without that but cannot go behind the bar. Ice helpers are also needed during bonspiels (sweeping ice, etc. to help the ice technician).
- Other volunteer opportunities will come up throughout the year and we will get information to you via email or sign-up sheets in the lower lounge.

Rocks and Ribs Funspiel

We are hosting a Rocks and Ribs Doubles-format funspiel on Nov 3. Teams consist of two players (any gender) and you will play mixed doubles format games. The cost is \$50 per team and includes a BBQ Rib supper by Blue Haze BBQ. Contact Jody Cummer at jodynicole16@gmail.com to enter a team.

If there is enough interest in this new format of curling, we will look into having a drop-in doubles league on the Fridays that our league does not curl. Let me know if this is something that you might be interested in. We would need someone to organize this league.

General Club Information

For general club information (including upcoming bonspiels and volunteer opportunities), please check our website at www.beausejourcurlingclub.ca and/or follow our Facebook Page (search Beausejour Curling Club).

I believe that covers off what we need to get our season underway. If I've missed anything, please let me know. Skips/Contact People, I ask that you please ensure your team members receive this information.

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