

Beausejour Curling Club

Dec 2024 Newsletter

As Christmas rapidly approaches, we have a few things we'd like to share with you:

Spares and Make-up Games:

During the season, teams may have one or more players who are unable to play due to conflicts. If this happens, teams should find spares or play with a 3 person teams. Any player who is a member of the club can spare for other teams. Non-members must pay a \$7 spare fee/game. This can be paid to Lucy at the bar.

If teams can't find enough spares to ice at least 3 players, then please contact the opposing skip to cancel a game. Make-up games can be rescheduled for Monday evenings. Please contact our icemaker, Todd Evecsyn to ensure ice is available. Please note that make-up games are a last resort and every effort should be made to play games on league nights as scheduled.

Smart Choices Certification (formerly Serving It Safe):

The Smart Choices certification is required for anyone who wishes to volunteer behind the bar. Your certificate is valid for 5 years and then must be renewed. The course can be taken online and the current cost is \$25 plus tax. The club will cover the cost of the course once you have successfully completed it. Here is the link for more information:

<https://smartchoicesmb.ca/>

Once you have your digital certificate, please print it off and give it to Lucy at the bar to keep on file. Give a copy of the certificate and a copy of your payment receipt to Donna Ray-Litke, our treasurer, and she will reimburse you for the course.

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. We are still in need of a secretary for our Board of Directors for this year. Please contact Jarrett Powers at sjpowers@mymts.net if you have any questions or interested in this position.
2. Ecole Edward Schreyer School and the Beausejour Curling Club are hosting the Manitoba High School Provincial Curling Championships on Feb 13-15, 2025 (Thursday to Saturday). We are looking for volunteer timekeepers to assist with this event (the high school will also be providing some volunteers). A total of 62 timekeeper shifts need to be filled between the two groups. There are evening shifts on Thursday and Friday as well as shifts on Saturday for those of you who work during the day. Training will be provided. Two timekeeping shifts will satisfy your volunteer bond for the year. Brigitte Goertzen has volunteered to be the timekeeping coordinator for this event. If you wish to volunteer as a timekeeper, please contact Brigitte at b.goertzen@me.com. Please include your availability especially if you can do daytime shifts on

Thursday and/or Friday. No bartenders are required for this event as it is a high school event and no alcohol can be served.

3. Bonspiel help – we are looking for bartenders and bar helpers for the following bonspiels:
 - a. Mens – Jan 10-12
 - b. Stick – Jan 31-Feb 1
 - c. Ladies – Feb 7-8
 - d. Open – March 28-30

Volunteer signup sheets will be at the bar shortly or talk to Lucy.

4. A bartender is required for a Beausejour Vet Clinic staff event being held at our facility on Sunday, Jan 26 from 2 pm to 6 pm. Contact Jarrett at sjpowers@mymts.net if you are available to help with this shift.

Note that all bartenders must have their Smart Choices (formerly Serving It Safe) certificate to be behind the bar. Helpers without a certificate can clear glasses but must not be behind the bar at any time. You must have your certificate on you during your shift. Volunteers doing bar shifts should bring their certificates to Lucy (our bar manager) who will take a photo of it and keep it in a binder at the bar. Smart Choices certificates now expire after 5 years so make sure yours is current. Any bar questions should be directed to the bar manager.

Bonspiels:

As listed above, we have several bonspiels coming up in the new year and we encourage as many of our local teams to participate as possible. You can enter with your league team or grab some other friends and create a bonspiel team. Check our website at www.beausejourcurlingclub.ca for more details on how to register for each bonspiel. Note that the 2-Person stick bonspiel is already full and is no longer taking entries.

Website and Facebook Page:

Our website can be found at www.beausejourcurlingclub.ca and our Facebook page can be found by searching Beausejour Curling Club. We will endeavour to keep both updated throughout the season as a way of communicating with our members. Should you encounter any problems or broken links on either, please email beausejourcurlingclub@gmail.com so we can correct them.

League Coordinators:

Tuesday AM Rec League	Fred Muth (tilly60@mymts.net) George McDougall (poofkargeo@shaw.ca)
Wednesday Ladies League	Shona Litke (litke.shona@gmail.com)
Thursday Mens League	Robert Lidster (wendylidster@hotmail.ca) Mark Bangert (farmingrocks00@gmail.com)
Thursday 2-Person Stick League	Gary Plohman (sgrossing@mymts.net)
Friday Mixed Fun League	Doug Hamblin (doug_hamblin@hotmail.com) Janine Hamblin (Janine_s@hotmail.com)