



STROUD CURLING CLUB

Fall 2020 Issue



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**Place Your Bids...ONLINE
Silent Auction *extended to*
Dec.14, 2020! See Details**

**All Members
Virtual- Zoom
Annual General Meeting
Sept.14th at 7 pm**

Yes... YOU can Attend!

**Reservations online
Start Sept. 6th
In Person Registration Dates:
👉 2 Days ONLY!**

Sun. Sept. 13th 12 – 4 pm
Tues. Sept. 15th 7 – 9 pm

President's Message

Hello Curlers,

Welcome to curling in the year 2020. Curling will look and feel different but I promise it will still be the same great game that you have come to know and love.

This will be a season unlike any other with our two main focuses being:

1. **The Membership-** We are going to focus on our great membership and make sure we are able to play in our leagues without any interruptions. There will be no outside rentals or bonspiels this year.
2. **Health and Safety-** We are spending the time and money to make sure we have everything in place to be able to curl safely. The safety of our membership will require everyone to buy in and follow our lead.

The Covid-19 committee has been working hard to come up with a plan to safely return to our facility. I ask that you practice patience with our new manager, bartenders, board and other curlers as we all learn the new rules and guidelines.

I am happy to have you back and let's have a great season.

Mike Nieveszeruk
Stroud Curling Club, President



WELCOME BACK CURLERS

Yes... YOU Can!

We are returning to curling
This is our new normal...
Covid-19 has changed how we
will curl this year
**YES...we will curl with new
safety protocols in place.**


**KEEP
CALM
AND
SWEEP
ON**

WELCOME to JESSE!

Message from our Facility Manager

First off excited to become part of the team here at the Stroud curling club. Some of you may know me already as I have played in the Wednesday Simcoe County Major League, others may know me from the Cookstown curling club and I look forward to meeting the rest of you this upcoming season.

Secondly, do you own your business or have a friend that is looking somewhere to advertise with great exposure? No better way than not one but two, 12- foot advertisements that everyone looks at all game long with custom print rings. Wall signs also available. Anyone interested please contact Mike, president@stroudcc.com, or myself for more info, but must **HURRRY**...time for the 2020-2021 season is running out.

Lastly, for junior members in high school, other members with high school students at home looking for community volunteer hours while still social distancing, even someone bored looking for something to do I have opportunities for you assisting with the ice installation. No prior skills required will be taught on-site, just **clean** running (not curling) shoes and a pulse required. Jobs include but not limited to; re-coiling hose, hold yarn to ice using foot or plastic scraper, squeegee air bubbles out from underneath decal prints. Anyone interested and available late September and early October please contact me, facilitymanager@stroudcc.com

Jesse Jowett

Facility & Ice Manager

Stroud Curling Club

**Ice Rings, Wall & Website
Advertising...**

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Your Ad Here

For pricing packages and
more details call:
705-436-1473

Treasurer's Report

I hope your summer has been wonderful, albeit unique, and you are looking forward to the upcoming curling season. The club is currently in a good financial position thanks to the hard work of the staff and many volunteers. There was a slight loss during 2019-20 season due to the lack of closing events for the leagues, the Tournament of Champions and summer rentals. The fundraising efforts and support from the club members is an important part of keeping the club financially healthy. These fundraising efforts will continue to be instrumental to the club's success as we manage through the COVID pandemic. I thank Lynne Jennings for her hard work and dedication and wish her success in her future endeavors. I welcome Jesse Jowett to the club and look forward to a successful partnership. Your Board of Directors have been hard at work preparing for this unprecedented curling season. Thank you to the COVID committee for your hard work in preparing a plan to keep us curling in a safe manner this season. The Board has chosen to maintain the registration dues at last years rates for all leagues for the 2020-21 curling season. The Rock Loan has been paid off. The capital fund for future development at the club has been established. The bar prices will remain the same this year. As we move toward the recommended cashless transactions, I remind you the bar will be using an Interac machine again this year making payment available by Debit, Visa and Mastercard. The Financial Statement will be presented at our Fall General Meeting. Please have a safe and enjoyable curling year.

*Signed: Treasurer of Stroud
Curling Club*
Jennifer Allan

Committee / League / Contacts

2021 Board of Directors*

Facility Manager, Membership, Ice Technician, Website	
Jesse Jowett	
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Tuesday Ladies	Marg Shorey Carolyn Alksnis*
Sunday CYOL	Nick O'Donnell* Mike Nieveszeruk*
Friday Mixed	Sarah Picton* John Hammond Carolyn Johnstone
Junior Curling	Al Beauchamp Jason Tizzard*
Little Rockers	Abbie Darnley
Special Events	Andrew Thompson
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OCA Rep Ladies	Sarah Picton*
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OCA Rep Mens	Nick O'Donnell*
Kitchen Committee	Sherry Armstrong
WTW	
Club Bonspiels	Bob Grayer*
Twitter/Instagram	Mike Nieveszeruk
Fundraising	
Silent Auction	Carolyn Alksnis*
Newsletter	
Promo/Advertising	Mike Nieveszeruk*

Try Curling - Clinics

Our Try Curling Clinic will not be running this year. If you are new and in need of some instruction, please contact membership@stroudcc.com and we will see if we can arrange a time on a case by case basis.
YES ...you can Curl !

NEW Curlers Wanted...

**Remind your friends,
colleagues &
family.... We are
open for leagues!**



Online Registration

Save yourself time this fall! Go to www.stroudcurling.com and login to the members area on the website. If you have forgotten your username and password (or never had one setup) you can request it to be sent to your email on file by clicking on the blue link (forgot username/password) under where you would enter your username/password on the sign in page. Once logged in, you can go to Members+ and click renew membership. All your information is already there from last year and you simply select the membership type, the leagues you'd like to play in this year, and then come in and pay. If you renew your membership online all you have to do is come in and pay! What a time saver! Confused? Come in at registration and we will help you! Online renewal will be available starting September 6th.

A reminder - you **MUST** pay for your membership renewal/registration by **October 1** to secure your spot in leagues. After October 1, your spot will be opened up to those on the waiting list.

Friends of the Club – Volunteers


Our successful and growing curling club has people who are willing to give their time, expertise, enthusiasm and support! We are so fortunate to have dedicated volunteers and we need more helpers. Volunteers make our club the best we can be with affordable fees. Contact anyone on our board, committees and league contacts. Even if you only have a little time, we can sure use the help and there is a place for you. High school volunteer hours are especially welcome too. We will have additional needs as the curling season starts.



Volunteer of the Year Award For 2020

Due to the early unforeseen early closure of curling, we were unable to tabulate ballots for the volunteer award. Please cast your ballots at fall sign-up if you have not already done so. The announcement of the recipient of this award will be soon.

Kitchen Committee

 Due to the current Covid-19 situation the Kitchen Committee will not be providing any food services at the club until further notice. Thank you very much for your past support and we look forward to being back in the kitchen when things settle down. For more information or to volunteer please contact:

Sherry Armstrong
bsarmsr@gmail.com or
(705) 294-0127

Yes... ***YOU can Curl
& Protect others...***

***Please wear your face
covering or mask when in the
club... it's that simple!***



Fundraising NEWS

Meat Fundraiser


The... meat & seafood... ed
the summer meat fundraiser.

We raised \$1678.00
Job well done!!



Next Fundraiser will be soon!

Club Silent Auction-ONLINE

Yes... ***YOU can bid now!***

Due to the early closure of our curling club, the Spring Auction was postponed.



Auction Closes
December 11, 2020 at 9:00 pm
Email your bid info to
membership@stroudcc.com

Please support and Thank our many generous sponsors.

The auction is posted with a link on the Stroud Curling website. The bids have carried on from last March. Please view and support our auction. Individual and/or Business logos are displayed on the bid column. If you have any suitable items such as new or vintage merchandise, gift cards, hand crafts or vouchers etc. please contact for more info to donate.

Carolyn Alksnis
membership@stroudcc.com

Annual Stroud Bonspiels

Club Bonspiels are cancelled or postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We will return to our fun bonspiels as soon as it safe to do so. We hope to see all of teams return in 2021 for friendly and spirited competition. Stay tuned for details.

6th Annual Seniors/Masters Open One Day Bonspiel



SAT. NOVEMBER 7, 2020

**THIS BONSPIEL HAS BEEN
CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR.**
**THANK YOU TO PAST
PARTICIPANTS.**

**HOPEFULLY WE WILL SEE YOU
ON THE ICE IN 2021.**

Bob Armstrong

5 Years & Under of Curling Experience Spiel

Jan. 9, 2021

Mark your calendar - Saturday, January 9, 2021 will tentatively be the 5Y&U spiel. Please note, a decision about whether this spiel will be possible to run will be determined at a later date by the board of directors. Also, please note that this year only curlers from our club will be allowed to participate. What does 5 Years and Under even mean?! Any curler who has 5 years or less curling experience is invited to participate in this spiel designed for beginner curlers. Enter as a team with other newer curlers from Stroud Curling Club into this fun spiel. The day includes two 6 end games, lunch, and prizes for the top teams. Only \$160/team and open to 10 teams. Look for sign up in the late fall. Questions? Contact:

Sarah Picton oca@stroudcc.com

Welcome the World



The pandemic has made it impossible for us to offer the September 2020 event in Green Bay. Thank-you Rick and Karen Ronk for all of your work in preplanning this event. Thank-you to all the participants for their support and understanding and to the many Green Bay volunteers already in place.

It will be difficult for us to confirm the rescheduling of this event and future events with the uncertainty of COVID-19 and travel restrictions. The safety of our participants and the large number of volunteers at each host site will have to be our first consideration in going forward.

I sincerely appreciate the enthusiasm that past participants have shown on the Welcome the World Facebook page. It is great to get all of your messages and comments. Stay safe and I will keep everyone posted.

Sherry Armstrong

bsarmsr@gmail.com

Stroud Rocks

Junior Curling Award



The Stroud Tuesday Night Ladies League and Stroud Curling are pleased to announce this year's recipient Ryan Mayville who will be attending college in the fall.

Ryan is an avid curler, competitor and student. He has been a tremendous support to Stroud Curling programs including Juniors and Learn to Curl. He has been a positive influence on many youth and adults and a very eager spare for our leagues.

Congratulations Ryan and All the Best to you! ***We are STROUD PROUD!***

Marg Shorey

marg.dougshorey@gmail.com



Check out the latest club news

Links are on our Website....

SEND US NEWS !

Follow Us on Twitter!

Contact Mike Nieveszeruk



 **Instagram**

Like Us on Facebook!

Contact Sarah Picton



Ontario Curling Report

The Ontario Curling Association (Curl ON) has been working hard over the summer to provide clubs with reopening guidelines and resources. They are also providing clubs with signage packages for in-ice and lounge signs. In addition, they're working on a contact tracing app that clubs will be using to assist with contact tracing. The app is going into BETA testing on September 1, and we will have it ready to use in time for the curling season. The app will essentially take attendance and store the information of who was at the club on any given day for 30 days in case the Health Unit needs the information for contact tracing purposes. After 30 days, the information will be deleted. The Cornhole competition is generously donating a device for us to use at the club to run the app on. Anyone interested in reading the Curl ON reopening material may access it at their website (www.ontcurl.com).

At this time, Curl ON competitions will not be running, but we will keep an eye on how the season progresses as they may consider running things in the new year.

Questions or concerns? Please get in touch with us in person or email at oca@stroudcc.com. We would be happy to assist you in any way we can.

OCA Club Representatives

Men – Mike Nieveszeruk

Women – Sarah Picton

Juniors – Jason Tizzard

Email us at oca@stroudcc.com

Special Events Reports **Ron Deane 1-on-1 Competition**

May be postponed... Stay tuned...

Tournament of Champions

Our annual Tournament of Champions was set to take place on Saturday, March 28th, but due to the closure of the club facility due to Covid-19, the event has been cancelled.

Andrew Thompson

Clif Thompson Senior League

Monday & Wednesday Mornings

It's been a hot and busy summer, but now is the time to think cool. I hope everyone has had a safe and rest full summer. We look forward to everyone's return to curling. There is still time to get those rested muscles back into top form if we start an exercise program now. Your Stroud board of directors have been busy planning how to get back to the game we all love. The plan allows us to curl and be safe. This year will see a slightly different game. Curling this year will change and allow only one sweeper at a time. *(not too unlike what we are used to in senior curling, except now it's necessary not an option.)* Club rules will mandate mask wearing from the time you enter our building until you leave. We will forgo our Mini spiels in order to try to keep everyone safe. This year we plan on having 3 draw masters for each draw who will select players, positions and ice number to try to keep us all safe. Another job will be help clean rocks, chairs, and tables before each game. Another change this year is that we will have to register for either draw A or draw B, and there can no switching as in past years. The full plan on how to return to curling will be available at registration. This year will require a special effort from all of us to look after the health of everyone else by safe social distancing and keeping everything sanitized. I would like to wish our new ice maker and administrator Jesse a warm welcome on behalf of the Seniors. We welcome you to the Stroud Curling Club and hope your time here will be long and rewarding. For those who have come of age to think of curling with the Seniors, this is fun league with only as much competition as you want to put upon yourself. We try to accommodate all levels of curling

skill and not be too critical of missed rock placement. All we really want is your best effort and that you have fun playing this game. Our league plays Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9:00 and 11:15 am.

Leagues will switch times on alternating days as in the past.

NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR 2nd DRAW.

NOW 11:00 am In order for 2nd draw to enter building at 10:50 am in an orderly way and social distance we will enforce a strict time to be off the ice on the first draw at or before 10:30 am, and change and exit building before 10:50 am

THERE WILL NOT BE TIME TO SOCIALISE AFTER GAMES.

Your Clif Thompson Senior Curlers committee consists of: Rex Fendley, Jim Madden, Ellen Davis, Carolyn Johnstone, Kerry Emms, Bob Grayer, Len Hills

Len Hills Len.hills@sympatico.ca

Simcoe Friday Super Seniors

With Covid-19 we will cancel and postpone this event, looking forward to the return in 2021.

Junior Curling League

Sunday 12 Noon

Welcome Junior curlers and families to the 2020-2021 Curling Season. While Covid-19 may change how we approach the game this year, we are confident that we can continue the fun and development of the junior curler. We are encouraging players to have their own equipment this year (broom, slider or shoes etc.) to minimize contact with other curlers.

The Stroud Junior curling program continues to be a great developmental league for new curlers, age 12-19, looking to develop their skills and learn the game with new friends, as well as for the more competitive curler, looking to compete in bonspiels and OCA events.

The Junior program runs on Sundays, after the Little Rockers program. Once again, we will be having skill development and practice

starting at 11:30 am for all curlers, followed by a draw (game) from 12:00 – 2:00 pm.

We look forward to returning curlers to continue their mentoring role and make new members feel welcome and comfortable on and off the ice. Stroud continues to be represented by juniors who are very active in school and OCA events throughout the year. We will look to coordinate junior curlers who wish to play Bantam and Junior Bonspiels for the upcoming year, as well as fun bonspiels at other clubs. We will also be looking to host bonspiel at our club later this season!

The Junior program will continue to have our weekly games, fun events, and opportunities for skill development. Please register early, as spots may fill up quickly. Also, let me know if you are an interested in helping out this season, as the junior program derives its strength from its volunteers. If you are in need of curling equipment, have equipment to sell, or have any questions or suggestions for the upcoming year, please feel free to contact me. We look forward to yet another great year!

Alan Beauchamp

al-lee@rogers.com

Little Rocks League

Sunday Morning

The Little Rocks curling program at Stroud this year is scheduled to run starting November 1. The program is open to ages 7-12 years. This year will look a little different from other years, we will have 2, 45 minute draws as well as some new Covid-19 measures in place. However even with all the changes our coaching team is excited to see all the kids back on the ice in a few weeks. As always we have plans for a fun and exciting program. The program will run Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am and 10:30 to 11:15am this year. Look forward to being back on the ice.

Abbie Darnley

Learn to Curl League

Unfortunately, we will not be having our Learn to Curl League this season. We look forward to returning next season!

Ladies Tuesday Night League



Welcome back! We hope that you have had a good summer and we look forward to getting out for curling again. The new normal is in place.

A very large thank you to the Stroud Curling Covid committee for allowing us to have the opportunity to curl again. The safety protocols will be in place for us to have a fun season! We will have staggered start times 10 minutes apart starting at 7 pm for each sheet. This will social distance us for additional safety. You will be notified of your game time as they will be 10 minutes apart.

We ask that you wear a face covering when in the building to protect others. Make sure to view the how to videos for more instructions on how this season will work. All of your equipment will need to be carried in for your game, the locker room is not open yet.

We would like to have 10 teams. Please encourage your friends and family to join. We will be able to put your team together in a choose your own format. Spares will be available too. If you have any questions or you require club equipment please contact us.

We appreciate your patience and support during these times.
See you soon!

Marg Shorey & Carolyn Alksnis
membership@stroudcc.com

Monday Night Men's League

Well it has definitely been a different spring/summer so far this year. Hopefully everyone has managed well and been able to enjoy themselves.

It looks like there will be lots of changes this year at the club. The good news is we will be able to curl.

The Men's League will continue to be held on Monday nights. There will be staggered start times like all the leagues to help minimize the number of people upstairs in the lounge at any one time.

The last couple of years we have been able to increase the number of teams in the league to 12, to accommodate the increased interest in the Men's League. This year, we are going to reduce the number of teams back to 10, because of the difficulty in ensuring adequate cleaning required to have a 6th game.

If we have more than 40 men sign up, the additional people will be added to our spare list. Keep this in mind when signing up. To secure your spot, sign up as soon as possible.

Rules of play will be adjusted and in line with the recommendations the rest of the club will be following

Enjoy the last bit of the summer and see everyone in the fall.

Chris Hoegy
chris.hoegy@foundational.ca

Friday and Saturday Mixed League

Mixed League is a fun and social league that consists of six ends of curling. We welcome curlers of all skill levels to come and join us. Typically, curlers sign up with their partner and are paired up with another pair for the schedule, but if you are a solo curler don't let that stop you!

Friday night will be seeing some changes this year with the Covid realities we are facing. After lots of thought and discussions, we have made the difficult decision to split the league into two separate leagues. With a limit of 50 people allowed in the lounge at one time and cleaning needed between draws, we felt it was not going to be possible to run two draws back to back in an effective way for people's work schedules and lives. As a result, Mixed league will be splitting into two different leagues.

Friday Mixed League will have staggered draw times (10 minutes between each sheet) from 7:00pm-7:40pm. The Saturday Mixed League will have staggered draw times as well from 9:30am-10:10am. Please note that each mixed league will be limited to 44 people (11 teams, with one bye team each week).

We will not be collecting a social fee this year. Last year, we were left with some funds as we couldn't have our wrap up party, so we will use that leftover money to supply any little prizes throughout the year.

If you're interested in sparing, please be sure to sign up as a spare online under your member profile, or contact one of us to have your name added.

Questions?

Please email us Sarah, John, and Carolyn at leagues@stroudcc.com

Sarah Picton, John Hammond & Carolyn Johnstone

Review the Videos that were sent out by email to the membership from the COVID Committee:

- **Return to Curling Plan**
- **How to Join the Spare List**
- **How to Find a Spare**



Sunday Choose Your Own League - SCYOL

Sponsored by- Catering by Colin



Choose Your Own League (CYOL) is a competitive and fun curling league where teams can enter any team of their choosing. It is the only league where we play for the entire year as one draw versus having a fall and winter draw. Although our league unfortunately ended earlier than we wanted and through the hard work of your Board of Directors and all our fantastic volunteers, we are once again starting a new season this fall. It will undoubtedly be a different year when we do get back on the ice but I am looking forward to the return of all the great curling and comradery we had in our 2019/2020 season. I would again like to congratulate all teams for their positive play during the shortened post season and again a hearty congratulations to **The Destroyers** (Sarah Picton, Dave Thompson, Denise Thomson, Stephane Lauzon, and super spare Owen Thompson) for their 2019/2020 Catering By Colin's CYOL Championship. I am looking forward to seeing all the teams return this fall and getting a new season underway! Continued health through the rest of the summer and we will see you on the ice!

Nick O'Donnell

**GOOD
CURLING!**



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Stroud Curling Club

Affordable Great Rates – Get noticed in your community!

- We are a non-profit organization, since 1911, serving Innisfil and surrounding communities.
- Curling is a life-long sport for participants providing excellent activity for a diverse demographic. We offer recreational and competitive leagues for ages 7 & up.
- Yearly, we attract thousands of people through curling, facility rentals and other non-curling events.
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| | (rates may vary on design) |



Stroud Curling Club-MORE INFO:

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