

# Stroud Curling Club

A Curling Tradition Since 1911



## President's Message

Welcome back to Stroud Curling for the 2023-2024 Season!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are excited to offer a great year of curling committed to providing an affordable sport to our community and members. Sign up for our many bonspiels that will be offered during the season.

We are continuing to grow with our community to offer weekly activities! Join our Fall Tuesday Night Stroud Stingers Cornhole League too!

This year we are excited to welcome Mischele Stevens (Facility Coordinator) and Kyle Kostiak (Head Ice Technician) to our Stroud Family. Along with our board, we thank you for your service to Stroud Curling.

Our club runs on the tremendous efforts of our volunteers, donations and the countless hours of dedication in all of our club, ice, activities, league convenors and coaches. Thank you to Sam Petryna for volunteering to head the Fundraising Committee. Please sign on with our volunteer committees this season! We are looking for folks to help out with fundraising, social media and marketing.

**Invite your friends to curl!** There is still room in the public **Try Curling** Clinic on October 22nd at 1pm. Participants must register in advance to reserve a spot. This is an opportunity for anyone to try it before they join. Let me know if you can help out.

In our commitment to provide a great season this year, we ask that if you are unwell, that you not attend and find a spare. Our spare list is available online or ask the bye teams in your leagues. **Good Curling!**

**Carolyn Srigley-Alksnis**  
President

## Message from The Facility Coordinator

As we gear up for another exciting season on the ice, we have some important updates to share with you.

We are thrilled to report strong registrations for our leagues this year, with some leagues already having wait lists! If you haven't registered yet, make sure to secure your spot soon. Don't forget to pay your registration fees promptly to ensure your participation. You can conveniently pay via mail, in person on Tuesday evenings from 5-7pm, or by e-transfer to our Treasurer.

Stay informed and up-to-date with all club activities and events, please visit our website and check the calendar regularly. This will help you avoid unnecessary emails and ensure you have the latest information at your fingertips.

While our facility coordinator is part-time, email remains the best way to reach out. For League specific inquiries, please direct your questions to the League Convenor, who will be happy to assist you.

We are committed to enhancing your curling experience with new systems and resources. Stay tuned for exciting updates as we continue to develop and improve our club.

As we transition, we are working diligently to rectify any lingering issues and optimize our processes. Rest assured that your new management team is committed to cleaning up any legacy matters that may have caused inconvenience in the past. Our focus is on ensuring a smoother and more efficient experience for all members.

Thank you for your dedication to our club, and we look forward to a successful season ahead!

**Mischele Stevens**  
Facility Coordinator  
manager@stroudcc.com



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## CLUB DIRECTORY

Committees / League / Contacts

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-Facility Rentals  
-Kitchen  
-Website  
-Security  
-House Representative/Town Liaison

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Facility Committee

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Youth Scholarship

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Junior Program Alan Beauchamp

Little Rockers Abbie Darnley

Special Events Andrew Thompson

Kitchen Committee Edith Schultz  
Sherry Armstrong

OCA Rep Sarah Picton  
Learn to Curl League

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## Message from The Head Ice Technician

I hope everyone had a great summer! James and I have been busy over the last few weeks installing ice, receiving the reconditioned rocks from Canada Curling Stone, and doing some general house keeping. I would like to thank Paul Gilder and Rob Elrick for their assistance along the way.

We look forward to meeting everyone as the season goes along.

Have a great year!

Good curling!

- Kyle Kostiak



## Learn to Curl League

Are you new to curling? Want to learn the basics before jumping into a league?

Already signed up for a league but want to work on improving your skills? This league is for you! Learn the basics of curling by setting up good habits from the beginning.

The Learn to Curl league is six weeks long and runs on Sunday afternoons in November/December from 3:00-4:30pm. Tentative dates are: November 5, 19, 26, December 3, 10, 17 (subject to change)

This league is \$125, or free to curlers who are already signed up for another league.

This league covers topics such as: Rules, Curling Terminology, Delivery, Sweeping, Basic Strategy, Etiquette, and more!

If you are interested in volunteering to coach, please contact Sarah Picton.

## Treasurer's Report

I would like to report that the club if is good standing financially. This past year, the club has paid back the \$40,000 owing for the CEBA loan. As well, over the summer, the club was awarded a grant from the CSRF (Community Services Recovery Fund), the proceeds of which are going towards the installation of new on ice overhead cameras. In addition to the replacement of the overhead cameras, sheet 3 will have two addition cameras installed to allow for games to be streamed live.

Please watch for the regular fundraisers the club will be organizing again this year. Your support is greatly appreciated and goes along way in helping to keep our curling rates as low as possible. Financial reports for 2022 Year End are being finalized as we speak.

See everyone soon!

- Chris Hoegy

[treasurer@stroudcc.com](mailto:treasurer@stroudcc.com)

north country  
meat & seafood

## MEAT FUNDRAISER

Stayed tuned for more details.  
Will be a November pick up.



This is always a great fundraising for our club.

Jennifer Allan

## Club Silent Auction

Closes Friday December 15th at 9:00pm.

Looking for sponsors with donations and gift certificates..  
Feature your business logo with us!



Carolyn Srigley

[president@stroudcc.com](mailto:president@stroudcc.com)



## Try Curling Clinic

Try Curling Clinic will be taking place at the beginning of the season. The date will be October 22nd, 2023.

Limited space available. This clinic is free. If you are new and in need of some instruction, please contact [membership@stroudcc.com](mailto:membership@stroudcc.com) and we will see if we can arrange a time on a case by case basis.



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## 7th Annual Seniors/Masters Open

### MEMORIAL One Day Bonspiel

**Nov. 4, 2023**

Stewart Fisher Early Draw (games 8:00am & 1:30pm)

John Smurthwaite Late Draw (games 10:30am & 4:00pm)

All players must be at least 50 years of age.

Entry Fee \$180 per team (payable in cash upon arrival)

Maximum 10 teams on each Draw

Entry Fee includes – Morning coffee/muffins, Lunch for both draws at 12:45

Prizes awarded for each Draw.

Two – Eight End Games (first 6 ends count toward points)

**For more information contact:**

**Bob or Sherry Armstrong**

**(705) 294-0127 or**

**Email: bsarmsr@gmail.com**



## BONSPIELS DATES

### Open Turkey Spiel

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**

*Curl for gobblers!! Always a fun event!!*



### Valentine Spiel Mixed Doubles

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

*20 Teams—Mixed doubles is a fast paced energy game!!*



**-Bob Grayer**

## 5 Years & Under Experience Spiel

Mark your calendar - Saturday, January 13, 2024 will be the 5Y&U spiel.

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 into this fun spiel. The day includes two 6 end games, lunch, and cash prizes for the top teams.

Only \$180/team and open to 10 teams.

Look for sign up in the late fall. Questions?  
**Contact Sarah Picton at**  
**viewfromthehack@gmail.com**



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## Sunday Choose Your Own League - SCYOL

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Cravings Fine Foods 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.

For the upcoming 2023/24 season it looks like we will return back up to 11 fantastic teams which means we will have 5 active sheets and one team having a BYE.

Last season The Destroyers won the right to represent our league at the Tournament of Champions. Everyone enjoyed a fabulous dinner provided by our fantastic sponsor Cravings Fine Foods in Barrie!

- Nick O'Donnell



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## Men's League

Curling season is fast approaching, although with the weather outside, it doesn't feel like it yet.

As usual, the Men's League will be held on Monday nights. The first week will be Monday October 16. Like everyone, I'm looking forward to getting back on the ice.

The registration is still being finalized, but it appears we will have either 11 or 12 teams again this year. The normal start time is 7:30, but we have had one game start earlier (6:45PM) to accommodate a 12 team league. Stay tuned for more details to follow, once the league roster is finalized.

Teams will be selected sometime during the week of October 9<sup>th</sup>. Everyone can expect to get a call from their skips by the 15<sup>th</sup> to confirm who you will be curling with this year

See everyone soon!



## Ladies Tuesday Night League

We can't believe it ladies! Curling season is just around the corner! We hope you all enjoyed your summer holiday and are ready for another awesome year. The Ladies League has been growing these past couple years and we are so proud to a part of a league with all you wonderful ladies!

Again this year, the Ladies League will be made up of 11 teams that play 6 ends on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. In addition, we will be hosting practice ice starting at 6:30pm every week so you can be ready to rock your game! The Ladies League is designed to be an inclusive, beginner friendly space. Whether you're a pro or have room to grow, everyone is welcome.

Get ready to be swept off your feet AGAIN ladies, because this year we are continuing with our series of special theme and game nights. See you all very soon!

- Amy Alksnis and Janine Hill







## Clif Thompson Senior League

### Monday & Wednesday Mornings

What a summer we have had !! I trust everyone has been enjoying the wonderful weather we have been having the last few months. Hard to think of curling ? But we will soon be returning to curling!

Again this season you would have needed to register in Group A or B with 2 draw times in each group. 9:00am Monday & 10:45

Wednesday. Again there will be a Mini-Spiel the last Wednesday of each month and lunch will be catered by our Kitchen Committee.

This year, we will be collecting a \$10 social fee to go towards the prizes for our mini-spiels.

If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn.

-Senior Committee

carjohnstone@gmail.com

## FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED

Hope everyone has had a great summer!

We are excited about another season starting and welcoming back curlers and hopefully new curlers this season.

This season we will be returning back to alternating draw schedules. One week you will curl at 6:30 and the next week at 8:30. We MUST adhere to game times this year of 1 3/4 hours to complete the games on each draw. So that means no new end at 8:00, you complete the end you are in. We need to allow time for the change over of curlers.

We will be collecting a social fee again this season for some fun games throughout the season.

Sandra McGrath will be assisting me again this year. Sandra will be on the opposite draw from Carolyn.

We look forward to welcoming you and seeing everyone back on the ice!

-Carolyn Johnstone

carjohnstone@email.com



## KITCHEN COMMITTEE

### **Hello Fellow Curlers:**

The Kitchen Committee is looking forward to the season with the approval of the Board to cater to the same events that we did last year as well as a couple more. To do this for the club Edith and I will need a lot of help from all the members of the Stroud Curling Club. If you like to bake cookies or make soup, if you could help us serve at events, if you could help in the meal prep the day before events, if you could run the dishwasher or set tables, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!

The more people we get to help the less work it is for everyone and the fewer times we would need to call on you. There will be a schedule set up on the kitchen bulletin board please sign up or contact Edith or Sherry.

**REMEMBER** that all the money raised stays directly with the club. Thanks.

-Edith Schultz &

Sherry Armstrong

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## YOUTH CURLING Junior Curling / Little Rocks

### Junior Curling League

Welcome Junior curlers and families to the 2023-2024 Curling Season. 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 Ontario Curling Association (OCA) events.

The Junior program runs on Sundays, after the Little Rockers program, from 11:30 to approximately 2:00 pm. We start with development and practice for all curlers, usually followed by a game. Throughout the year, we have fun events like the One-on-One bonspiel and Bridging the Gap with our Senior curlers. We also encourage our junior curlers to experience bonspiels outside of the club.

We look forward to returning curlers to continue their mentoring role and make new members feel welcome and comfortable on and off the ice. **This year we will be starting on the ice on Sunday, Oct. 22. We will be on the ice from 11:30 to 12:30 for the first week only.**

If there are parents with curling experience and are an interested in helping this season, please let us know as the junior program derives its strength from its Volunteers.

If you need curling equipment, have equipment to sell, or have any questions or suggestions for the upcoming year, please feel free to contact me, at [al-lee@rogers.com](mailto:al-lee@rogers.com)

We look forward to yet another great year!

**-Alan Beauchamp**

**Junior Curling Coordinator**

### Little Rocks

The Little Rocks curling program at Stroud this year is scheduled to run starting October 22, 2023. The program is open to ages 7-12 years, if you are not sure what group your child should be in just email me and we can discuss.

New this year we are adding a league for youth in Grades 6-10 on Thursday nights. A second day to get more game play and scenarios to learn on the skills they get from Sunday from some of our older players.

Our annual little rock bonspiel will run on Saturday November 25th with both a Little Rock draw and a U15 draw. As always we have plans for a fun and exciting program. The program runs Sunday mornings from 10am-11am.

**In addition, we are very excited to announce that Stroud will be the host of the Ontario Elementary School Curling Championships in 2024.**

**Feb 29-March 1-2-3 we will host 48 teams from across the province in fun championships. More details will be coming out in the coming months but we are looking for volunteers to help from on the ice coaching, registration and as part of our opening banquet team.**

We look forward to hosting youth from across the province.

**- Abbie Darnley**



Another Welcome the World event has come to a successful end. WTW England was so much more than we all expected. The Flower Bowl that co-hosted the event with the Preston Curling Club is a fantastic facility that offers much more than curling. They have bowling, shuffleboard, 18 hole mini-golf, movie theatres, two restaurants, an ice cream stand, a coffee/snack bar and novelty pool. On our first night there, we got to experience many of these activities. Of course, our scores were tallied and I am please to report that I was one of the top three winners. The host and owner Guy Topping and his staff were very respectful, obliging and catered to our every need. The Preston Curling Club members of all ages and abilities were eager to curl with us and against us. On the Preston Challenge Day sadly the World teams fell a little short and the Preston teams won six games to five with one tie. Guy and his wife Mary had put together a eight day package of activities that kept us busy and entertained with coach trips to many of the area's tourist attractions and evening performances. One of the highlights for me was spending the afternoon in Black Pool for High Tea and the chance to watch and a chance to dance with some ballroom dancers! This event had six participants from Denmark, six from the United States, six from Scotland and thirty six from various parts of Canada.

I have decided that the final Welcome the World event will be a Celebration of our accomplishments and will be held in Stroud from October 26 to November 5, 2024. I already have the support of the Stroud Curing Club Board and I will be looking for members of the Clif Thompson Senior League to help with the planning and hosting of this special event. Stroud Curling Club can take pride in this event and we want to showcase our club, our members, our history and our area.

- Sherry Armstrong







## STROUD CURLING CLUB

# WE NEED YOUR HELP

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US  
WITH SOME COMMITTEES TO MAKE OUR CLUB  
BETTER!!**

### **ADVERTISING / MARKETING**

To get more sponsors for our Club and Leagues. As well as setting up the packages and pricing.

### **FUNDRAISING**

Organizing and Implementing Old and New Forms of Fundraising efforts to help Raising money for the Curling Club

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Speaks for itself... We are looking for people to GROW our Social Media Presence

**Email for More information or  
[stroudjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:stroudjuniors@gmail.com)**



## **Volunteer of the Year Award**

This award is awarded at our closing banquet to a recipient voted by you the curlers. We will be letting you know in March when the voting station will be set up.

**Last year's recipient was Abbie Darnley who runs our Little Rocks Program. Congratulations!!**

**- Bob Grayer  
[bobgrayer14@gmail.com](mailto:bobgrayer14@gmail.com)**

## **Stroud Rocks Award \$500 Scholarship**



The Stroud Curling Club offers a \$500 scholarship award each year to a current registered Junior curler continuing to post secondary education. The applicant must submit an essay outlining their Curling experiences, both within our club and outside of our club.

The applicant also includes his/her volunteer activities in the community as well as a letter of reference from a teacher. If the applicant has attended any curling or leadership camps, please include that as well. The deadline for the application to be submitted to the Board of Directors is May 30, 2024.

**The 2023 recipient was Alyssa Mayville. Congratulations!!**

Please submit your application by email to Attn: Carolyn Johnstone at: [membership@stroudcc.com](mailto:membership@stroudcc.com)



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## Ontario Curling Report

Welcome back curlers!

Believe it or not, we've already had some of our competitive teams out on the ice training and competing. We're looking forward to another great year of Stroud representation in curling events around the province!

Check out the CurlON website [www.curl-on.ca](http://www.curl-on.ca) and have a look at competitions available to you. There are competitions for all different skill levels and ages.

Did you know? The CurlON website has a bonspiel section where clubs advertise various spiels. Be sure to check it out if you might be interested in bringing a team to a spiel. There are a lot of fun spiels available out there, and playing on other ice can be a great learning experience.

We're looking forward to announcing some EXCITING news in the coming weeks...so stay tuned! We're just waiting for the official okay to share the news. Hint: We will be eager for some enthusiastic volunteers!

If you have any questions about how to enter a CurlON competition or anything related to CurlON, please see one of your club representatives.

Good curling everyone!

### Your OCA reps:

**Sarah Picton, Andrew McDonald & Jason Tizzard**

Please get in touch with us in person or email at [oca@stroudcc.com](mailto:oca@stroudcc.com). We would be happy to assist you.

Go to the **CurlON** website to sign-up for their newsletter.

Go to <https://curl-on.ca/>

Here are some highlights

### Curl ON AGM & Symposium

Go to <https://curl-on.ca/annual-meeting/>

### Want to learn about ice making?

Wilburforce Curling Club is hosting an Ice Tech Assistant course Oct. 28th, 2023.

Deadline for registration is Oct 20 and the cost is \$110 +HST.

Go to curling in Ontario for more information and to register.

### Youth Curling Webinars

- #1 - U12 RockStars
- #2 - Triples Curling (not just for youth!)
- #3 - Singles App & U15 Regional RockFest
- #4 - Hit Draw Tap - <https://www.curling.ca/blog/2023/10/04/no-tick-rule-added-in-2023-24/>

### No Tick Rule added for all Provincial Competitions

More info:

<https://www.curling.ca/blog/2023/10/04/no-tick-rule-added-in-2023-24/>

### Info on Competitions:

Competitions list and how to register

Go to:

<http://curl-on.ca/competitions>



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## SPECIAL LEAGUES and EVENTS



### CORNHOLE LEAGUE

The club continued with hosting our weekly cornhole club on Tuesdays throughout the spring and summer down on the ice pad. With the return of curling, the cornhole club will again be moving upstairs and next door to the hall.

It is a drop in club that runs Tuesday evenings. The first week for the fall session is October 10. Registration starts at 6:30 with games beginning at 7:00PM. If you want to come out to the club and throw some bags, the cost is only \$15/wk. The registration fee is waived for any newcomers.

Each player gets a minimum of 6 games. No experience is required! If you want more information, reach out to Jason Tizzard or Chris Hoegy and they will be happy to answer any questions you have. Or stop by the curling club any Tuesday night and check it out.

-Chris Hoegy & Jason Tizzard

### Simcoe Major Curling



The Simcoe Major Curling League continues to thrive on Wednesday nights at Stroud. We had 12 strong teams in our field this past season, with the Alliston team of Al Corbeil, Willie MacPherson, John Glass, Tom Cunningham, and Karin Lee-Kell emerge as champions. The league continues to enjoy strong sponsorship from Sleeman Breweries and Scott Dawney Plumbing.

-Andrew Thompson

### Annual 1-on 1

Our annual 1-on-1 event is continuing to grow. We expect a large number of participants this season, hopefully we can operate the event over 2 nights again, December 27 & 28.

Our club Kitchen Committee will be providing the food again.

Our 2022 champion was Cory Heggstad and our B Winner was Sarah Picton.

Plan on making this event part of your holiday season tradition in 2023!

-Andrew Thompson



### TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Our annual Tournament of Champions will be held on March 30, 2024. Winning teams from all leagues will represent their league at this one day event. Lunch is available at a cost.

We will have Cravings Fine Foods cater our closing banquet again.

-Andrew Thompson





# Advertising With Us – Learn More

## 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, ages 7 up to 90+.

We offer recreational and competitive leagues.

- Yearly, we attract thousands of people through curling, facility rentals and other non-curling events.
- We continue to invest in the growth of new curlers with and offer affordable rates especially for families and seniors.
- Our growing membership and spectators support and value the generosity of our advertisers!



### \*Pricing for Packages Starting at:

- \$25 to \$100 Newsletter
- \$100 Website Banner
- \$200 League Sponsorships
- \$250 Bonspiel Sponsorships

- \*\* \$350 Wall Sign 3'x 6'
- \*\* \$300 In-Ice Sign 4.5'x1.5'
- \*\* \$1000-\$750 In-Ice Rings  
(3 minimum year contract)
- \*\* Plus cost of sign production  
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