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Opening Spiel



The Schooner Curling Club Opening Spiel will be held Oct 19-23 (pending ice readiness). Curlers have a choice of playing in the Mon/Wed/Fri/Sun or the Thurs/Sat/Sun division. An overall winner will be determined by points. It is a single entry format with a cost of \$20 per person and is open to anyone wishing to curl. A signup sheet will be posted at the club or you can contact John Donovan (862-7868), Russell Fitzgerald (564-6269) or call the club at 539-3992. Sign up early as this spiel is expected to fill up quickly.

2010-2011 Membership Fees

With prices of everything rising these days it's a welcome relief that membership dues at the Schooner Curling Club will not increase for the coming season. Dues for this season will remain at \$200 per person, HST included. The first half of your membership must be paid by November 15 with the second half being due no later than January 15. Leagues will also remain the same with Sunday Team Entry sponsored by Colbourne's Trophy, the Mixed League on Tuesday and Wednesday sponsored by Pepsi and the Men's League sponsored by Coors Brewing Company. If there is enough interest, a Lady's League may also be added.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Schooner Curling Club. Without them the club would not survive. If you have any time to contribute we would be more than grateful. Work is now underway most evenings to prepare for the upcoming season and we could use your help with ice prep, building maintenance, cleaning, painting etc. Through the season we need people for bartenders, maintenance, helping with spiels, etc. Contact anyone on the executive for more information on how you can help.

Coors Fun Nights



Coors Fun Nights are back this season and will be coordinated again this year by Abbie and Robina Boudreau. Coors nights are lot's of fun with curling, pizza and prizes, all for just a few bucks. They are great ways for groups to get together for a lot of fun and are also a great way to introduce new curlers to the sport. Many of the new members who have joined the club in the last few years have started at Coors night. The first Coors Fun Night is scheduled for Saturday, November 12^h so plan to attend, bring your friends and have a great night out!

Club Calendar

October 12	General Meeting
Oct. 19-23	Opening Spiel
Oct 24-29	Clinics and Practice Time
Sunday, October 30	League Play Begins
Monday, October 31	Men's League Moved to November 3 rd
Saturday, November 12	Coor's Fun Night
December 5-10	Turkey Spiel
December 19	Christmas Break Begins
Monday, January 2 nd	Curling Resumes
Saturday, January 14 th	Coor's Fun Night

NOTE: All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the club website or bulletin board for changes and additions.

2010-2011 Executive

Elections took place during the General closing meeting to select the executive and committee heads for the coming season. Here is a list of the executive, committee heads and other position holders for the 2011-12 season.

President	Ray Cameron
Vice President	Lynn Kelly
Treasurer	Ray Cameron
Secretary	Janet Gallivan
Draw Master	Cal Thistle
Bar Steward	Frank Kokocki
Ice Crew Director	Brian Laughlin
Bonspiels	John Donovan \ Russell Fitzgerald
Housing	Yvonne Donovan \ Frances Ford
Membership	Frank Kokocki
Public Relations	Mary Foley
Coor's Night Coordinator(s)	Abbie & Robina Boudreau
Ways and Means	Janet Confiant
Website	Janet Confiant
Newsletter	Billy Farr
Annual Golf Tournament	Lynn Kelly, Mary Foley
Legal Advisor	Dave Muisse

Quick Notes

- Anyone in need of equipment can see Lynn Kelly. She will have catalogues at the club and you can order new gear through her
- The Schooner email list was lost and needs to be rebuilt. Anyone who was previously on the list but has not received club emails yet this season or anyone who wishes to be added to the list for the first time, leave your email address for me at the bar or fill in your email in the space provided on the application form.
- "In the Hack" begins its 6th season of publication with issue number 36. Our club's newsletter started out in October of the 2006-07 season.

Welcome Back

It seems like not that long ago we were finishing up our curling season and looking forward to the lazy days of summer. Well, summer has past us by quickly (did it ever really arrive?), the evenings are getting chilly, the mornings are crisp and we are getting ready to begin another year of curling. The coming season promises to be another successful, fun-filled winter of activities at the Schooner Club with spiels, fun nights, league play and social events to keep us all busy and entertained throughout the winter. I would like to thank all the members who have taken on executive and committee positions at the club as well as all who have given and will be giving time as volunteers. Without your generosity our club could not exist. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all returning and new club members, wish them well and encourage everyone to participate in all events and volunteer your time to help out as much as you can. So now it's time to pick up our curling brooms, dust off the rocks, wish everyone a hearty "**Good Curling**" and get the season started.

Schooner Golf Outing



The Annual Schooner Curling Club Golf Outing was held on a new battleground this season with the venue being changed to Alderdale Greens from the Passchendaele Golf Club in Glace Bay where it had been held previously for a few years. A huge thank you to Lynn Kelly and Mary Foley for organizing and running another successful and very enjoyable event. After a well-fought battle on the fairways and greens of Alderdale, Schooner members and guests returned to the club for a fabulous barbeque, some well deserved refreshments and some much embellished bragging. Overall, the 2011 edition of the Schooner golf outing was a great success. Thanks again to Lynn and Mary and everyone else who pitched in to help.
See you on the links in 2012!!

General Meeting

The fall General Meeting for the club was held on Wednesday, October 12 and was well attended with 30 returning and potential members in attendance. President Ray Cameron Called the meeting to order at around 7:00 pm with the first order of business being to go over the minutes of the spring general meeting held back on April 20th, 2011. There were a few items of business that had been tabled to the spring meeting that were discussed:

- Schooner Curling Club's Membership in the NS Curling Association – It was noted by President Ray Cameron that the Schooner Club has been paying large sums of money to be a member of the NS Curling Association without reaping any real benefits. It was questioned as to whether or not it would be worthwhile to continue this membership. The cost for the 2011-12 season would be roughly \$900-1000 depending on membership. Ray checked into the penalties of withdrawing our membership and the only issues are that we cannot host a provincial playdown, no member can compete in a provincial playdown and we will not have our events advertised on the Curl NS website. Given that these issues were minor to our membership, it was decided to save the money and not renew our club's membership in the NSCA. We can, in the future, rejoin with no penalty if so desired by the membership.
- The use of cellular phones during play. It was discussed that some members are annoyed that others are using cell phones and taking calls during play. Since some members are using these cell phones to get calls re. work, family or other important issues, it was decided that there would be no formal policy re. the use or ban of the phones but all members would be asked to exercise common courtesy and shut off the ringers and set all phones to vibrate only while playing and also to take only calls that were of an essential nature. Also, if you needed to take a call, leave the ice surface and keep it as short as possible so as not to hold up game play.
- Six end games versus eight end games on late draws. A discussion was had re. the nine pm draws and whether they should be six ends as opposed to eight ends as some members find that these draws end too late if they go a full eight ends. It was also noted that some members only play in one league a week and would not want a shortened game. It was brought up that one reason that the games are late in ending is that they are late getting going due to the early draw going overtime. It was decided that the games would remain at eight ends for all draws but steps would be looked at to help speed play along. Some ideas were to move the early draw start to 6:45 so that if the early draw went a little long there would still be time for ice prep and the late draw would get off on time. Also, skips will be asked to encourage players to speed game play and always be ready to throw and time limits for the early draw would be closely enforced and the bell would be rung to indicate to the teams they were short on time. Teams playing the late draw can still decide to limit their games to six ends but it was encouraged that all players should agree to the shortened game.

The next order of business was the committee reports starting with the treasurer's report given by Ray Cameron. Ray had passed out a revenue and expense summary of what had gone on since the end of last season and reported that everything was as expected and the club was in good financial shape. Next was Wayne Bonnell for Brian Laughlin with the Ice Directors report. Wayne said that things were going well with ice making but that the crew had been slowed down by the recent warm weather we have experienced. The slow down resulted in a delay with getting the ice finished and the opening spiel being moved from its original start date of October 17th to the 19th instead. Wayne also reported that, other than the weather, they had experienced no real problems and things were going well. Cal Thistle was next with the Draw Master's report and encouraged everyone to get applications in as quickly as possible to help him in making up teams and league schedules. Frances Ford of Housing requested that the club purchase a three-bin recycling center to help in sorting garbage to comply with CBRM waste management rules. Ray approved the purchase pending Frances supplying a final price to the club and that it's not too far in excess of the original \$75 estimate. The remainder of the committee reports were presented by those in attendance and the meeting was called to adjournment.