

CBRM CURLING ASSOCIATION

Newsletter #3

Hello again to all curlers in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. Welcome to the 2013 – 2014 curling season.

This will be an exciting curling year for the CBRM Curling Association. In our monthly meetings, we have worked to find a way to ensure that all curlers in the CBRM get to meet, greet and curl at both the Schooner Curling Club and the Sydney Curling Club.

This season, monthly inter-club events will see all 6 sheets open to curlers from both clubs. Organized and under the skilful direction of Schooner's Drawmaster – Cal Thistle – and Sydney's Match Chair – Neale Morrison, we will meet monthly, on selected Friday nights, to curl and socialize in BOTH clubs simultaneously. Look for the schedule posted in your club to see when and where you can curl on these Friday night events.

Our Junior programs have also been preparing for the upcoming curling season. Nadine Neima and Linda LeFort are busily preparing their respective programs. In a wonderful move, both programs will meet simultaneously on the ice of the Sydney Curling Club in mid-October. Further, a coordination of their calendars will allow the junior curlers at both clubs to curl together in several inter-club meets and spiels throughout the year. Thanks to the Junior committee for all their work on this plan.

Cal and Neale, together with the coordinators of our respective clubs' Golden Age/Seniors programs, are also working to have our senior curlers meet and curl together – at both clubs – throughout the year. These are dynamic curlers and a great group of people. I'm looking forward to hearing about their exploits on the ice.

Our first fund raiser, "Shorts and Shades" was a great success. We raised approximately \$1700.00. Thanks to our wonderful organizers and to everyone who joined us on that night.

With the money we raised, we immediately began the process of incorporation as a non-profit society. Also, we have just ordered a set of 'floor curling' sets. This dry-land education aid will allow us to bring the notion of curling to children in our schools and community groups – a key part of our mandate to grow the sport of curling in the CBRM.

Once again, thanks to you all for your interest in, and support of, the CBRMCA. It remains our goal to build the sport of curling in this community and your participation in this process is essential. Please let's hear from you in our Town Hall meeting. Also, you can always email your views to cbrmcurler@gmail.com. See you on the ice!

GOOD CURLING TO YOU ALL!

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