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SCHOONER CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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League play begins	Sunday, November 1st
Ray Cameron Memorial Opening Spiel	November 6th-7th
Schooner Turkey Spiel	December 10th-12th
Turkey Spiel Dance	Saturday, December 12th
Holiday Break	December 20th to January 2nd
League Play Resumes	Sunday, January 3rd
Fun Night	Saturday, January 23rd
Fun Night	Saturday, February 20th
Fun Night	Saturday, March 13th

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

Remembrance Day Tuesday, November 11 - Lest we forget

League Roundup

League Play for the 2026-27 season will be kicked off by the Team Entry League on Sunday November 1st. League structure is pretty much unchanged from last year, Sunday seeing the Team Entry League take the ice, Monday and Tuesday will be Mixed Social Leagues, Wednesday will alternate weeks between the Women's League and Doubles League and Thursday will have the Men's League in action. The Doubles League will start on Wednesday, November 4th and Women's will begin on November 25th as the club will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th for Remembrance Day. Draw master Kristen (Bell) Fortune has created teams and schedules that are now be posted on the Schooner website as well as at the club. Kristen will oversee league play for the season and any league related questions and concerns should be directed to her.

Matinee Curling will remain a two day a week affair, taking the ice on Wednesdays and Fridays at 1pm. This is a drop in event, no pre-registration is required. Matinee Curling will take place on Wednesday, November 4th but will not happen on Friday, November 6th for that week. Matinee curling will also be cancelled on Wednesday, November 11th in honor of Remembrance Day.

All Schooner Curlers are reminded to fill in the league scoresheets after every game to record wins, losses and ties. The onus is on the winning team to record the result. The scoresheets are at the bar so you can fill them in when you are buying a drink for the losing team.

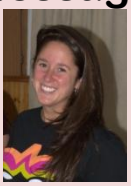
For those interested, here are the league results for the 2025-26 season. The East Side Mario's Monday Mixed Social saw the Keith MacEachern rink take top honors and the Stephen Leslie rink won the Tuesday Mixed. Joining skip Keith was Kristen Fortune, Greg MacNeil and Paula MacNeil.

Skip Stephen had Jenna MacNeil, Dane Rudderham and Julissa Rudderham joining him in victory. The Emerald Isle Women's League saw Skip Carrie Cress and her foursome take top honors. Carrie was aided by Bernadette Cormier, Trida Murphy and Georgette Sparkes. The Firestop Men's League had the Chris Sutherland rink take the regular season title and The Gordie Cormier rink win the playoff title. Joining Sutherland was Bill Farr, Kirk McNeil and Terrance Nicholson. Skip Cormier had Fred Gillis, Benito Delorenzo and Dan MacDougall.

The Boston Pizza Team Entry league also saw two different teams win the regular season and playoff titles. The Julia Cormier rink with skip Julia, Mernada Fitzgerald-Bullen, Val MacIntyre and Sam Livingstone took the regular season title with a tie breaking draw-to-the-button win over the Mel Windsor rink while Skip Kevin Gouthro with Stephen Leslie, Dane Rudderham and Robbie Biron took home the playoff crown. Overall it was a great year of league play in 2025-26.

So here we go for the 2026-27 season. Have a good year everyone and *Good Curling!!*

President's Message



Hello everyone and welcome to the Schooner Club for the 2026-27 season. I am both thrilled and honored to be returning for another year as club president, a job I take great pride in and very much enjoy doing. A big part of the enjoyment it brings comes from working with so many great people that make up the executive and committees at the club and I want to thank each and every one of them. I also want to send a big thank you out to all the volunteers at the club who work tirelessly to keep the Schooner operating and make it such a great place to be. And things have already been very busy for many of our dedicated volunteers this season. Brian, Russell and the ice crew have been working hard to get our curling ice ready for the season and it looks great again this year. We have added pre-printed houses this year, saving time and supplies as we don't have to paint them by hand. Thank you to Jamie Bullen of Fox Business Group for sponsoring two of the new sets of circles. As always, there have been issues for the ice crew to deal with they work through them and give us great ice. The crew and some other volunteers were also busy over the summer upgrading the back boards in the ice shed, replacing the aging carpet with new, pressure-treated decking on the top to match the side boards that were done last season. This project was made possible by an anonymous donation to purchase material and, again, the hard work of many volunteers.

I would like to thank the housekeeping committee for their hard work to get the club looking great for the start of the season. Kristen has worked hard to get the league teams and schedules together and Bob and the bar committee have been stocking up and getting things ready in the bar for the new season. Thank you to the spiel committee for organizing the upcoming Ray Cameron Memorial Opening Spiel and thank you to everyone who has given and will continue to give time to the club to make it run smoothly and be a great place to curl and socialize.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our members, both returning and new. We have a number of new faces joining us this year and I hope everyone has a great season filled with great curling and fun.
So here we go. League Play gets started on November 1st and then We have the Ray Cameron Memorial on November 6th and 7th. December has the Turkey Spiel scheduled from the 10th to 12th and we have our first big party of the season, the Christmas Dance with DJ Jimmy, on December 12th. There are lots of great events and great curling in store for this season so take advantage and have a great year. *Good Curling Everyone!!*

Ray Cameron Memorial Opening Spiel

The Ray Cameron Memorial Opening Spiel will be held on Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th at the club, this year being held after the start of league play instead of before. With Halloween falling on a Saturday, there wasn't a good way to schedule it before league play got underway. This spiel is open to everyone with a registration fee of $30 per person. You will get to play one game on Friday evening and two on Saturday with lunch also being provided on Saturday. Registration is open at the club but please sign up asap.

Schooner Turkey Spiel

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a weekend of fun and Holiday joy at the Schooner Club's long standing Christmas tradition, the Turkey Spiel. The spiel is slated to go from December 10th–12th and is open to everyone, Schooner members and non-members alike. You don't even need to have any curling experience. We provide the equipment you need and instruction if required. It's all about the fun. And speaking of fun, plan to stick around after curling on Saturday night, December 12th, to party the night away at our Christmas dance with music by DJ Jimmy. Everyone is welcome and there's no cover.
So plan to join us. Registration has already started and you can sign up at the club, send us email or leave a note on Facebook. Curlers can choose to curl one game on either Thursday or Friday evening and then finish with two games on Saturday. Lunch will be provided on Saturday for everyone. So plan to join us and see how much fun curling at the Schooner club can be. And you may even win your Holiday turkey.

Schooner Fun Nights

Schooner Fun Nights are making a return to the club again this season with the first of three scheduled for Saturday, January 23rd. There will also be fun nights held on February 20th and on March 13th, our St. Paddy's Day Fun Night.
Fun Nights are a great way to introduce people to the sport of curling. Everyone (19 yrs. +) is invited to join us for a great night of curling fun and delicious pizza, all for the low price of only $10 per person ($5 for Schooner members). We supply the equipment you need, just bring clean sneakers for the ice. We'll give you some basic instructions, let you practice a bit and then play a short game. Curling is a sport that can be enjoyed by almost everyone regardless of age and physical ability. The fun gets started at 7pm and we go all evening. Members are encouraged to take part and bring

some friends and family to introduce them to the sport and the club itself. Many members at the club have gotten their start at one of the fun nights so plan to join us.

John Bonaparte Memorial Closing Spiel 2026

The John Bonaparte Memorial Closing Spiel, sponsored by Coldstream Clear Distillery, was held at the club from April 9-11, 2026. The spiel was completely filled with a total of 16 teams, 8 in the Thursday/Saturday division and 8 on the Friday/Saturday side. All teams played their first game on their respective nights and then came together to play two games on Saturday, one four-end and one six-end game. All teams were treated to lunch on Saturday and there was a dance that was open to everyone (19+) on Saturday night with DJ Jimmy to end things off.

When all of the rocks were finally thrown, the foursome skipped by Val MacIntyre came out on top, winning all three games and totaling 34 points. Val was joined by Shane Langille, Bernadette Cormier and Sean MacPherson. Second place was taken Bryant Cormier who had a 2-1 record and a total of 31 points. Cormier did enjoy the 'Perfect storm of curling' when, in his first game, he lost the match but ended up with more points than his winning opponent. That loss also comes with a free beverage by the way. Joining skip Bryant was Bob Smith, John Halliday and Trida Murphy. Third place went to Phil Edwards with 30 points who narrowly edged out the Walter Nichols rink who ended up on fourth with 29 points. Phil was aided by Jenna MacLellan, Colin McLaren and Christina Edwards while the Nichols had Julia Cormier, Will LeBlanc and Megan MacNeil with him. Rounding out the top five finishers was the Jeremy Brow rink with 23 points, edging out two other teams, he Gordie Cormier rink and the Jenna MacNeil rink, by plus/minus. Skip Jeremy Had Kristen Fortune, Linda Hayes and Mike Hayes along with him. Overall a great weekend of curling and fun and a great way to end the season.

Thank you to everyone who took part, especially those who joined us from outside the Schooner's membership ranks, to the spiel committee for organizing and running the event, to the ice crew who maintained great conditions even at that difficult time of the year and to everyone who helped out in any way at all. Without the generous donation of time by volunteers, events like this could not happen. Thank you to Coldstream for your support and thanks to DJ Jimmy for another great party. We hope to see everyone back next year for the John Bonaparte Memorial.

Skating Party

After the final rocks were thrown for the season in the John Bonaparte Memorial Spiel and curling was done for the season, members, their families and guests were invited to enjoy our precious curling ice in another way, on skates. A good turnout of people, including lots of kids, got to enjoy a day of skating, crafts, hot dogs and treats. Everyone had a great time, including Burkely Farr who got to put her paw marks on the ice as well and enjoyed a hot dog afterwards.

Thanks to our club president, Julia Cormier, for organizing and a big thank you to Linda Hayes for crafts and treats and the fabulous curling rock cakes.

Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed the day and, as always, thank you to anyone who helped out in any way to make the day possible.

Schooner Golf

The Schooner Club held its annual Golf Day at Alderdale Greens on June 20th. Golfers got to enjoy 9 holes golf at Alderdale and then head back to the club for a delicious steak BBQ. Also at the course there was a poker hand that was available and there were 'Refreshment stands' at two locations around the course. Before the round got underway, golfers got to try their skills at a longest drive marshmallow competition.
After golf was over, most golfers headed to the club for dinner. There was grilled pepperoni as an appetizer and then a steak dinner prepared by our grill master, Gordie Cormier. Overall, a great day and a great event. When all scored were tallied there were three teams tied for top spot with a three under score of 31. A tie breaker was done and the foursome of Mel Windsor, Rick Windsor, Russell Fitzgerald and Sherry Fitzgerald were crowned the winners. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who took part. Thanks also to Gordie for handling the grill, to Lynn for organizing the food and to her and her crew for prepping and serving all the sides, thanks to the on-course bartenders and card sellers and thanks to Bill for the grilled pepperoni. As always, thanks as well to anyone who helped out in any way and made this year's edition of Schooner Golf a great event. See you next season.

Washer Toss

The Schooner Curling Club held another of its summer events, the annual washer toss tournament, on Saturday, August 8th, at the club. Sixteen teams of two took part. It was a beautiful day for the event and everyone had a great time as always. There was an onsite BBQ and everyone got to enjoy burgers and dogs to keep them fueled for the day. Our overall winners were Gary and Jen Cook who defeated Benito Delorenzo and Julia Cormier in the final. Third was Ryan Bullen and Mike while the team of Justin and Nicole Humphrey took home fourth place. Thanks to everyone who took part and to everyone who helped organize and run the event. Washer toss has become a fixture on the Schooner calendar and we hope to see everyone back next year.

Ice making

The ice crew got started early again this season, working on a project to complete the transition of the area surrounding our two sheets of ice from carpet to pressure treated wood. The sides were completed last season and this year the two ends were done to finish off the work. The project was funded by an anonymous donation from a friend of the club.
After the boards were finished, the ice crew turned their attention to making ice. Once the plant was turned on and the floor temperature came down, spraying got underway. Things went well until just before the ice was ready for paint. There was an issue with the plant that needed to be looked at. A technician from Cimco was brought in to check the plant with the worry being that he would tell us it needed to be replaced. Luckily, a simple maintenance was all it took to get it running well enough to compete the ice

and start the season. After the maintenance was completed, ice making resumed and the ice was painted. Curlers and visitors to the club will notice new rings this season that are pre-printed, not hand painted as it has been in the past. The two at the clubhouse end of the ice are sponsored by Ryan Bullen and his company, Fox Business Group. The two at the far end were previously used and donated to the club. Once the houses and lines were installed the final floods and shaving were done, giving us two fine sheets of curling ice. A big thank you to Brian, Russell, Justin and everyone else helped out in any way. The hard work of our ice crew volunteers is the only way we can get some of the best curling ice around.

649 Fundraiser

The Schooner Club will be running a 649 fundraiser in November. Entry forms are available at the club. Participants pick 6 different numbers between 1 and 49 for each entry and those numbers get checked off as they are drawn in the Atlantic Lottery Corporation's 649 draw each Wednesday and Saturday. Bonus numbers are NOT included. Draws will begin on Wednesday, December 2nd and run until we have a winner. The first one to check off all the numbers from any one entry that they have will win the jackpot of fifty percent of total sales. If there is more than one entry that checks off all numbers on the same draw, all winners will split the jackpot amount. Entries are $5 each (one set of six numbers) or 3 for $10. All members are encouraged to participate and sell as many entries as they can. All entries should be returned to the club by Sunday, November 29th. Fundraisers like this one are very important to the club's financial health and help us keep other costs down for members.

Fall General Meeting

The Schooner Curling Club held its fall general meeting at the club on Wednesday, October 14th. The meeting, attended by approximately twenty-five members and potential members, was called to order by the club's president, Julia Cormier, at 7pm.

The First item on the agenda was the acceptance of the minutes from the previous general meeting. The printed minutes weren't available but Kristen Fortune gave a verbal summary and the minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote. Next was the president's report that was presented by Julia Cormier. She started by welcoming all new and returning members and said she was looking forward to another great season at the club. She also reminded everyone that help is always needed and welcomed at the club and asked those with some time to give to volunteer. She then went on to say that there was a tentative draft of the year's event schedule that was posted to the club's calendar online and that league play was scheduled to start on November 1st with team entry starting us off. She then talked about the opening spiel and how it would be held a little later this year due to Halloween falling on a Saturday night. The opening is scheduled for Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th.

The treasurer's report was next on the agenda but the Schooner treasurer, Lynn Kelly, was not at the meeting because she was sick. The report was given on her behalf. Attendees were told the club was in a pretty good

financial position with healthy balances in the bank accounts and all bills up to date. It was discussed that the ice plant was having issues and, if it needed to be replaced, it would cost quite a bit and be a serious blow to the club's financial position. At that time, it was a wait and see scenario. It was then reported that, in order to keep bar tabs in better order, notices of outstanding balances would be sent out every two weeks and payment requested at that time. The last item on the treasurer's report was to discuss fundraising. It was reported that the hockey pool had already started and that there would be a 649 fundraiser getting underway in November. There will be other fundraising throughout the season since it such an important part of the club's good financial health.

Next up was the ice committee report but Brian Laughlin was not in attendance. The report was given by Gordie Cormier on Brian's behalf. Gordie said things had been going well and were ahead of schedule but that there was a problem with the ice plant. Phil from Cimco Refrigeration was coming in a day or two to evaluate the plant and tell us what needed to happen. Gordie reassured everyone that it was unlikely that the plant needed to be replaced and possibly just needed maintenance but even that could run around a couple of thousand dollars. A new plant would be over $30,000. Gordie then went on to mention the new pre-printed houses we were going to use this season, two sponsored by Fox Business Services and two previously used ones were donated.

The next to give a report was Bob Smith for the bar. He said everything was good and basically status quo with no changes. He said Gordie Cormier would be doing scheduling and anyone with time should see him to volunteer. All bartenders need to complete an online service course to be certified to work behind the bar.

Housekeeping was next to report and we were told that Georgette Sparkes no longer wanted to look after it. Bernadette Cormier said she would take on the job and that there were a few people already committed to helping out. She also asked anyone who would like to join the housekeeping team to see her and they would be scheduled.

We then moved on to the Bonspiels committee and were told that we would be running mostly the same events, some of which are scheduled and the remainder will be scheduled soon. Fun nights were set to go on January 23rd, February 20th and March 13th. It was also reported that open ice and learn to curl events were scheduled for October 28th and 29th.

Bill Farr gave the next report for the Website and Newsletter. He said he hasn't really been running the website for the last while but had been doing basic maintenance only. He said anyone interested in taking it on should step forward to the executive. He then said the newsletter would continue to be published monthly and that the first edition for the year would be out in November.

Kristen Fortune gave the final report of the evening as draw master. She said league structure was staying the same. There had been talk of changes to some leagues but there was not enough commitment from participants to do it this season. Scheduled game times would also be the same starting out. She then reminded everyone that Matinee Curling was also back on the schedule for the season and would run on Wednesday and Friday with a 1pm start. Alison Grapes is looking after Matinee.

Once all the reports were given we moved on to new business and discussion from the floor. Martin Campbell got things started and talked about how all leagues, including Mixed and Men's, had moved to team entry over the last few seasons. He raised concerns that these leagues were meant to be fun and non-competitive as well as instructive for new curlers. He said team entry could lead to overly strong teams but also, by allowing teams to consist of all new curlers, they would not benefit from the experience of more experienced players and not learn the game. Martin argued that both scenarios could lead to people getting discouraged. Others countered that, while both points were valid, allowing team entry would facilitate people playing on teams with friends that they wanted to play with and this could allow a better overall experience. After some more discussion it was decided to leave the status quo and evaluate the experience of curlers further to better make a decision.

Stephen Leslie then asked a question about the new sponsored rings that we have this season. He was wondering what the deal was that was made with Fox Business Services to have the sponsored rings installed. He then asked if he could get the same deal for his company and possibly sponsor two additional rings next season. He was told he could.

We then discussed the membership fees for the current season. While we maintained the $99 plus tax deal for new members, the regular membership rate had increased to $370 including HST. The attendees were told this was, in part, due to rising operating expenses which included a rise in the cost of Curling Nova Scotia membership dues. The dues had gone up notably with the per sheet fee rising from $180 to $200 and the per member fee going from just over $13 to over $23. There was some discussion as to what benefits the Nova Scotia Curling Assoc. offered to our club and as to whether or not we should decide to forgo membership and save the money. Richard Lorway noted that the NSCA was currently involved in a wrongful dismissal lawsuit with one of its former directors. It was speculated that some of the increase in fees may be to do with financing that. One of the main benefits of membership in the association is the ability for Schooner based teams to compete in NSCA sanctioned events. After some further discussion it was decided to allow the Schooner executive look into the cost/benefit of membership to the club and decided on our behalf about continued membership.

One final order of business that was discussed was the starting and completing of games on time. Leagues that have two draws on one night must more closely adhere to finishing in the scheduled time. It was mentioned that, if early draws are going to be held to its scheduled time, the same diligence must be followed by later draws as well to be fair to everyone. Early draws cannot be forced to follow rules to get the later draw out and then allow that later draw to play as long as they wish, taking more time to think about and execute shots and not be forced to play mini ends or forgo the final end when time is getting low.

After all discussion was complete, Julia called the meeting adjourned. A good meeting with lots of good information and discussion overall. After that, attendees socialized at the club, caught up on what had been going on over the summer and talked about the upcoming season. Thank you to everyone who attended and took part in the discussion.

Strait and Area Cash Spiel

The Strait and Area Community Curling Club will be holding its annual Cash Spiel from November 27th to 29th at the club in Port Hawkesbury. This is a little later than usual but they are working around the Grand Slam event happening in Sydney in mid-November. There is a maximum of sixteen teams with an entry fee of $240 per team. Entry is on a first come, first served basis so if anyone is interested in entering a team, contact Don McCuspic at the Strait Club ASAP. Assuming a full roster of teams, there will be an 'A', 'B' and 'C' event with a first place prize of $1000 to the 'A' winners. There will also be dinner for all curlers on Saturday and there will be live entertainment at the club Saturday night

A few Schooner teams will likely be making the trip again this year as they have in the past. Best of luck to all the Schooner teams who may be competing this year.

Curling Day in Nova Scotia

Curling Nova Scotia will be celebrating Curling Day in Nova Scotia on Saturday, November 7. There will be events held at clubs all around the Province and the Schooner Club will be celebrating by hosting our annual Ray Cameron Memorial Opening Spiel. Even if you are not involved in the spiel, drop by the Schooner Club and take in some of the great curling and fun and help us celebrate Curling Day in Nova Scotia in a big way.

Grand Slam of Curling Coming to Sydney

The Grand Slam of Curling is coming to Sydney's Centre 200 from November 17th to 22nd where thirty-two of the world's top teams, sixteen mens and sixteen womens teams, will compete in the Hearinglife National. This marks the first return of professional curling to Sydney since the Women's World Championship was held here in 2024. There will be many of the best curlers in the world taking part including 2026 Canadian Champions, Team Dunstone, on the men's side with Canadian women's representative team Kerri Einarson and homegrown favorite Christina Black competing for the women's title.

Tickets are still available at the C200 box office or online at Ticketmaster. A full event package will run you $458.50 per seat. There are also weekend packages available for Friday's late draw, Saturday and Sunday that are $305, round robin day packages starting at $75.50 per day, or day packages for Friday, Saturday or Sunday for $126.50. There are also tickets available for individual draws for $37 each. All prices appear to include taxes but there may be additional fees charged by the vendor at checkout. Tickets are going fast and there are only a handful of seats available. Get your tickets now and plan to enjoy some of the best curling Canada and the world has to offer right in our own back yard.

Sydney Curling Club Building Update

The Sydney Curling Club announced in October of 2024 that they had purchased land in Open Hearth Park "With the intention of building a new state-of-the-art multi-purpose venue at the Open Hearth Park location ahead of its 150th anniversary in 2027". In 2025 they formally announced plans to build the new facility on the land purchased at Open Hearth Park and that they had obtained significant government funding from different

levels of government to help finance the project. Now, we could see those plans shift to a site next to Centre 200, according to the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. Kirk Durning, CBRM's director of parks, recreation, building and facilities, recently presented conceptual drawings outlining a comprehensive modernization of Centre 200 which included a new curling club facility integrated to the site. The proposed curling club new-build would be located just to the north of Centre 200, with a pedway crossing between the club and the arena. While talks continue between the Sydney CC and the municipality, officially nothing is yet carved in stone. Also, there are no real details available about how the Sydney Curling Club will be involved in the financing of the facility or how it will be managed after completion. The Sydney Curling Club still has the land in Open Hearth Park that was designated as the original site planned for the facility and their website still outlines details and plans for the project at the Open Hearth site. There is no definite timeline for the C200 project and no real guarantee that it will go ahead so it makes sense for Sydney to keep the project rolling as is until that offer from CBRM becomes more clear and definite. Either way, the Sydney Curling Club is in need of a new facility given its aging building and its outgrowing of the four sheets it currently has.
With the new curling facility attached to C200, it would bode well for Sydney to attract more high level curling events, including a possible shot at the Brier, the Canadian Men's Curling Championship. It would also provide more social space for events at C200 that would require it. Hopefully, we will have more definite answers soon.

Curling Etiquette

Curling is a very social game. Curlers all try to get along and treat each other with respect and sportsmanship. Even in these much different times there are certain rules of etiquette and common courtesies that we should all follow that will make the game move along quickly and smoothly and ensure good feelings between curlers, win or lose. These are just a few general rules that new curlers may not know and experienced curlers may have forgotten.

- Be early. Always try to be a ten to fifteen minutes early for a game and be ready to play at the scheduled time. If you cannot make a game, notify your skip in plenty of time for them to get a replacement.
- While we can no longer start the game with a handshake, an elbow bump or simple nod and a wish of good luck or good curling is still encouraged.
- Be ready to play. Always be ready to play when it is your turn to throw your stone or sweep a teammates stone. Avoid leaving the playing area unless absolutely necessary. **Don't hold up the game.**
- Keep the ice clean. Make sure you wear clothing and footwear that will not leave debris on the ice. Also, if you notice debris, always remove it for you and your fellow curlers.
- Never disturb a player when they are in the hack. Be quiet and avoid excessive movement when a fellow curler is delivering a rock. Never cross the ice just before a delivery and always try to be in position along the side as quickly as possible. **Never intentionally try to distract a curler.**
- Don't crowd into the house. Only the skip and the mate are permitted to be in the area of the house to discuss strategy or count up points at the completion of an end. **Leads and seconds should always stay between the hog lines** in the middle section of the sheet during play unless it is your turn to throw or sweep a stone.
- Don't be in the way. Stay as far to the sides of the ice as you can when walking back after sweeping a stone so you don't block the view of a player that is trying to see their skip and position of the skips broom to deliver their stone. Keep yourself and your equipment as far to the side of the ice as possible leaving the playing surface clear for the opposing team and never get in the way of opposing sweepers.
- If a game is taking place on an adjoining sheet, afford them the same courtesy you show any fellow curler. Don't allow stones from your sheet to enter their area of play.
- Always play by the rules. You are responsible to report when you have burned a rock, moved a stone in play or have broken any other rule of the game.
- Skips and mates who are in the area of the house while the opposing team is delivering a stone should avoid excessive movement and noise so as not to distract the opposing team.
- Mates are the only ones who decide scoring and perform measurements. All other players should stay away from the house until opposing mates have decided the scoring for an end and have completed any required measurements. NEVER move a rock until scoring has been decided or until you are told to do so by your mate.
- Skips are the leaders of their team and are responsible for making sure they and their players follow both the rules of play and the rules of good etiquette. Correction by the skip is warranted if a player breaks either.
- Always end a game with congratulations to the winners. Winners always offer to buy the first round of drinks. Losers reciprocate.