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Schooner Curling Club

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Opening Spiel



The Schooner Curling Club Opening Spiel will be held Oct 24-28 (pending ice readiness). This is a change from the usual week-long format to a shortened format with all participants competing on Sunday. It is a single entry spiel 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.

2012-2013 Membership Fees

Dues for this season will be set at \$200 per person plus HST for a total of \$230. 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 remain the same with Sunday Team Entry sponsored by Colbourne's Trophy, the Mixed League on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday sponsored by Pepsi and the Men's League sponsored by Coors Brewing Company on Monday nights. 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 lots of fun with curling, pizza and prizes, all for just a few bucks. They are a great way 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 17th so plan to attend, bring your friends and have a great night out!

Club Calendar

October 11	General Meeting
Oct. 24-28	Opening Spiel
Oct 29-Nov 2	Clinics and Practice Time
Wednesday, October 31	Closed for Halloween
Sunday, November 4	League Play Begins
Sunday, November 11	Remembrance Day – No Curling
Saturday, November 17	Coor's Fun Night
December 7-9	Turkey Spiel
Saturday December 15	Coor's Fun Night
December 18	Christmas Break Begins
Saturday, January 5 th	Coor's Fun Night
Sunday, January 6 th	League Play Resumes
NOTE: All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the club website or bulletin board for changes and additions.	

2012-2013 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 2012-13 season.

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

Please note the two vacancies, Housekeeping and Ways and means. If anyone is interested in either of these positions please see anyone on the executive committee. We need your help.

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
- Printable Application Forms now available on the website
- Supply your email address on your application form to get the newsletter and club updates to your inbox.

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, and what a great one it was, 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. The season gets rolling with the Opening Spiel bring held from October 24-28, a schedule which allows all curlers to meet up at the club on Sunday for the final day. Free clinics are the following week and then league play gets underway Sunday, November 4 when the Team Entry league will take the ice to officially start the 2012-13 competition. 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, as it has always been in the past, a huge success with everyone who participated having a great day of golf and a great meal back at the club. Held once again this year at Alderdale Greens, the weather was perfect for a day on the course. 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. Many thanks to our neighbors, the New Dawn Guest home, for supplying their BBQ to cook our steaks and to Abbie Boudreau our chef. Everything was delicious.

Overall, the 2012 edition of the Schooner golf outing was a great success. Thanks again to Lynn and Mary and everyone else who pitched in to help. An added bonus this year, with the growing number of golfers participating, there were some extra funds left over which will be used towards purchasing our own club BBQ to be used for this event and possibly others.

See you on the links in 2013!!

Schooner Website

www.schoonercurlingclub.com

I'm sure not too many of you spent long hours on the Schooner website over the summer but, now that curling season is once again upon us, the website will become more important to us all. Overall there haven't been any major changes to the site but it does sport a slightly new look and, you'll likely notice this when you visit, it has a new Twitter feed on the front home page. The Twitter feed will allow us to post up to date info about league schedule changes, club events, cancellations and just general info that normally wouldn't be posted on the website. If you have a Twitter account you can follow us but, if not, you can still read the postings on our website or on twitter.com. A twitter account is not required to read the posts. You can also read information from the people and organizations we follow like different curling associations and pro curlers. As before, there is a link to the club calendar and, of course, you will be able to access league schedules and info once league play begins. If anyone has any feedback, suggestions or just general comments, please feel free to voice them.

Bar Prices Rise



All members and guests are advised that prices at the Schooner bar will be going up this year. With costs from the NSLC rising there was no alternative. Don't get too excited though as price hikes are only minimal. Beer and Spirits will rise from \$3.25 to \$3.50 (tax included) and happy hour prices will rise from \$2.75 to \$3.00.

Wine will be \$3.25 and coolers remain at \$4.50. Prices for soft drinks, water, juice and snacks remain unchanged.