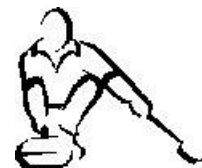


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In The Hack

SCHOONER CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Fall General Meeting	Wednesday, October 10
Opening Spiel	October 29-30, November 1-3
Opening Spiel Dance	Saturday, November 3
Start of League Play	Sunday, November 4
Junior Orientation and registration	Saturday, November 10
Bling Fling Ladies Spiel - Sydney CC	November 17-18
Fun Night	Saturday, November 24
Turkey Spiel	December 6-8
Holiday Break	December 21-January 3
League Play Resumes	Thursday, January 3
Two on Two Spiel	January 4-5
Wine and Cheese Reception	Friday, January 4
Fun Night	Saturday, January 12
Schooner Cash Spiel	January 18-20
Cash Spiel Dance	Saturday, January 19
Sweetheart Spiel	February 8-9
2019 Scotties Tournament of Hearts	February 16-24
Two on Two Spiel	March 1-2
Fun Night - St. Patrick's Day Edition	Saturday March 16
Coors Light Spring Mixed Spiel - Sydney CC	March 22-24
Ladies Doubles Spiel	April 5-6
Closing Spiel	April 25-27
Skating Party	Sunday, April 28
Closing Banquet	Saturday, May 4
NOTE: All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the club website or bulletin board for changes and additions.	

Another Season

Welcome back everyone. The summer in Cape Breton, although slow to get started, was a great one. Now, as the days grow shorter and the temperatures get cooler, we once again turn our thoughts towards curling and the Schooner Curling club. This promises to be a great season at the club with lots of curling, entertainment and fun. And of course we have the 2019 Scotties Tournament of Hearts coming to Sydney in February of 2019, truly a premier curling event that everyone can enjoy. It's going to be a great year for the sport of curling in Cape Breton and it's going to be a great year for the Schooner curling club. In this first edition of In the Hack for the 2018-19 season you will find lots of information about what's to come as well as a wrap-up of things that happened at the end of last season. I hope you all enjoy reading it and that you all have a great season. *Good Curling Everyone!*

League Roundup



As is the norm, things in most leagues were still undecided when the final edition of In The Hack was released for the 2017-18 season. For those who may not know how things ended up, here is a summary of the final results from all leagues.

The second round of the Pepsi Mixed league was won by the Thomas Drover rink after the Martin Campbell rink dropped their final game of the season, a makeup game played on Thursday, April 19, against the John Donovan rink. Drover, Campbell and the Richard Lorway rink all finished tied but Drover held the tie breakers in his favor against the other two. For Skip Drover and mate Nadine Neima-Drover it was their second mixed title of the season as they also won the first round of the league. This time they were joined by a different front end in Bob and Maureen Smith. Bob and Maureen were also involved in a race for first place in the first round with the Richard Lorway rink.

The Old Triangle Men's League playoff championship came down to the final games with three out of four teams in the championship round still with a chance to win. It was the Keith MacEachern rink who came out on top and took the playoff championship to add to the regular season title he had already secured. On the final night, MacEachern defeated the Brian Laughlin rink and solidified the championship when the Wayne 'Bull' Bonnell rink tied the Gary Landry in their final game. MacEachern was joined by mate Lonnie Howe, second Justin Humphrey and lead Kenny Thomas. Congratulations to you all on your two Men's League titles.

The final league to decide a playoff champ was the Don Cherry's Team Entry League, playing its final match on Sunday, April 22, which saw the Wally MacDonald rink taking on the Omar Roach rink for the playoff title. Keith MacEachern was filling in for Omar during most of the playoffs after he went down with a shoulder injury. For MacDonald and mate Sid Murray, it was a chance to keep a winning streak in Team Entry alive as they had won either playoff or regular season titles in the last number of season and one year even took both titles, regular season and playoffs. MacDonald had a pretty bad regular season campaign but turned it around in the playoffs with a 4-1 record in the five game round robin portion, easily qualifying for the title game while Roach's squad was tied with the Gordie Cormier rink and the Wayne 'Bull' Bonnell rink in their division but held tie break advantage over both. Bonnell had a chance to vault himself into the title game with a win over Roach in a make-up game played on Thursday, April 19, but the Roach rink won that game and punched their own ticket to the final. The final game was a close affair with the first three ends being blanked by the teams. The Roach rink broke the game open with a big three points in the fourth with hammer and took the lead but, after another blank in five, MacDonald was able to claw his way back with a single in the sixth and two steals of one point each in seven and eight to tie the game and force an extra end. Could MacDonald steal another end and keep his championship streak alive in the Team Entry League? Unfortunately for MacDonald it was not to be and when he missed his last shot in the extra end and left the Roach rink sitting one with only their final stone left to play, acting skip MacEachern didn't even have to throw. Congratulations to our winners, the Omar Roach rink with skip Roach and acting skip Keith MacEachern, mate Gary Landry, second Mike Cormier and lead Justin

Humphrey. For Humphrey it was his third title of the season, the other two coming with Keith MacEachern in the Men's League. For MacEachern, as acting skip, this was also his third title.

The Schooner Junior Program ended off a successful season with a year-end party on April 14. The Juniors enjoyed a great year and competed in spiels at both the Baddeck and Sydney Curling clubs, having a great showing at both and doing the club proud. With numbers up in the 2017-18 season, we are hoping to grow the Junior Program even more in the coming years. Junior Coordinator Nadine Neima-Drover has announced that the 2018-19 season will be her last with the program and we are looking for someone to take coaching certification and take over where Nadine left off. Anyone who has interest in getting coaching certification and taking on the Junior program can see Nadine or any executive member. Nadine has worked very hard with the Juniors and is the main reason the program has continued and has grown at the club. We want to send a big thank you out to her for all of her hard work and wish her the best in her final season with the Schooner Junior program. Junior Curling is scheduled to start on November 10 with an orientation and registration day that is normally free to the kids so they can try curling.

Closing Spiel Wrap-up

The Annual Schooner Closing Spiel was held from April 24-28 at the club and was once again sponsored by Disco Tirecraft. It saw six teams competing in each division, the Tuesday/Thursday and the Wednesday/Friday. All twelve teams were scheduled to come together to go head to head on Saturday before a winner was decided but play on Saturday had to be cancelled due to a sewer and water issue at the club. The same issue cancelled the dance that was scheduled for Saturday night and the year-end skating party that was to go on Sunday. Also on Saturday there was a draw to the button competition scheduled for all spiel participants. After each game on Saturday, curlers were to throw one rock without the aid of sweepers. The prize up for grabs for the one who was closest to the button was a gift basket filled with car care products and other goodies that was donated by spiel sponsor Disco Tirecraft. Since the draw to the button never happened, the basket was drawn for from all the names of those who competed in the spiel at the closing banquet. Our lucky winner was Lynn Kelly. Spiel prizes, gift cards from various businesses and eating establishments in town, were distributed at the club and at the closing banquet. There were also a number of Tirecraft Gift cards that were donated by Disco Tirecraft that were given out at the banquet by a random draw with names of everyone who took part in the Closing Spiel.

While Saturday was a bust, lots of fun was had throughout the week, especially at the Open Mic event held on Friday night and hosted by Brian Cathcart of the band Pretty Archie. Brian did a great job entertaining the crowd and he was joined by a number of other musicians and singers throughout the evening that kept a big crowd entertained until late into the night. A huge thank you to Brian and to all the other talented people who took the stage to entertain.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the closing spiel. It's a shame we weren't able to finish it off on Saturday. Thanks to the bonspiel committee

for organizing and running the event and to anyone who helped out along the way, to the ice crew for maintaining wonderful ice conditions, not easy at that time of the season, to the bartenders for doing a great job as always, to everyone who was involved with organizing the snacks and entertainment that we all enjoyed so much and to everyone else who helped out in any way. Last but certainly not least, thank you to Cheryl Windsor and her staff at Disco Tirecraft for their sponsorship. They have become great supporters of the club and we should all try and use their services to say thanks.

2 on 2 Spiel

There was a second 2 on 2 Spiel held early in April. Sixteen teams, a full compliment, took part in the two day spiel that ran on April 6 and 7. All teams saw their first action on Friday night with winners staying in the top bracket and losers dropping to the consolation round. Play got underway again on Saturday morning with the first games hitting the ice at 10am. Play continued through the day with Pizza and other snacks being supplied to the curlers to keep their energy levels up through the grueling schedule. After a long day of competition, the two finals were set to go off on Saturday evening. The top division saw the teams of Stephen Leslie and Kevin Gouthro make it to the final game against Bill Farr and Justin Humphrey. Leslie and Gouthro had defeated Kelley Laughlin and Georgette Sparkes to get to the final game while Farr and Humphrey took out Chris 'Slugger' MacLeod and Walter Nichols in a close game to earn their way in. Unfortunately, given that the games had fallen behind schedule, a conflict forced Farr and Humphrey to not be able to stay to play. The first place prize money was split between the two teams and the game was never played. Given that Farr and Humphrey were the ones with the conflict, Leslie and Gouthro were the division and overall spiel winners. The losers of the semi-final in the top division had a second chance in consolation. MacLeod and Nichols were victorious and made it to the consolation final after defeating John Donovan and Peter MacIntyre. Laughlin and Sparkes weren't so lucky and dropped their game to Bryant Cormier and Richard Lorway, setting up the final pairings. MacLeod and Nichols took that final game and the consolation division crown. Overall, it was a great spiel and great weekend. The 2 on 2 or doubles game has grown in popularity and you will see events featuring that format on the Schooner Schedule this season again. Plan to take part and see how much fun this game can be.



Fundraiser

The third Schooner Chase the Ace fundraiser started on January 31, 2017 and came to a somewhat early conclusion when the Ace of Spades was drawn on April 17th with the lucky winner being Cyril MacQueen. Cyril took home a total prize of \$2215.50. The Ace was only the fourteenth card drawn from the deck. Congratulations to Cyril who was a regular player in our Chase the Ace, not only for this round but also in previous rounds as well. We want to thank everyone who took part and bought tickets, everyone who volunteered time and helped out with running the fundraiser and the local business who acted as depots for ticket sales during the week. After a break for the summer, Chase the Ace made its return to the club in September with the first draw taking place on Tuesday, September 28. For

this round, the club is guaranteeing a \$500 jackpot, not starting the jackpot at \$500 as we have before. What this means is the jackpot will be at \$500 until ticket sales push it over that amount. Once the 30% of ticket sales from each week exceeds \$500, the jackpot will go up from there. So far, ticket sales have been about average and there have been four draws leaving 48 cards remaining in the deck. We have added a couple of new community vendors to the three returning ones with Hunted Treasures on Victoria Rd. and DC Auto Electric on Upper Prince St. joining Disco Tirecraft, Cape Breton Glass and CC Computer Solutions as places to buy Chase the Ace tickets all week long. Tickets are also available at the club from 7-8 pm on draw nights and will also be available at the Schooner bar during all regular events once the season gets started.

The benefits to the club from proceeds we have gotten from Chase the Ace draws are huge. The extra money allows us to keep membership fees and bar prices down at a lower level while still affording us the opportunity to add to the club with things like LED lighting, electrical upgrades to the ice plant and new tables and chairs. It also gives us the additional funds to weather unforeseen costs from emergencies like the failure of the bar fridge and the sewer line issues we had at the end of last season. Without the financial cushion provided by the money brought in by Chase the Ace, we could have very well been in some real problems. All club members are encouraged to support this important fund raiser, not only by buying tickets for yourself but also by selling tickets to friends, family members, co-workers and whoever else may be willing to purchase them. The last two winners of the Chase the Ace jackpot have been co-workers of a member who sold them the tickets. Please don't forget to get your tickets and support your club.

Fun Nights

Fun Nights will make a return to the club this year again and will get rolling on Saturday, November 24. We take a break for December but get them back up and running after the Holiday break with the second Fun Night on Saturday, January 12. Janet Gallivan and Kathy Gale are back as Fun Night Coordinators. They did a great job last season with all Fun Nights being very well attended and they made sure everyone who was there had a great time. Fun nights are open to everyone (19+) so round up your friends, family, co-workers, whoever and plan to join us. For only \$7 you get a fun night of curling, some delicious pizza and you may even get a chance to win a great prize. There's no better deal in town for a night out. Fun Nights are important to the club as they introduce new people to the great sport of curling and we have gotten a large number of our members over the last few years from people trying curling at our Fun Nights. Keep an eye on the Schooner website and our Facebook page for more information on Fun Nights and a full schedule.

Club Executive and Elections

At the Spring General Meeting held at the end of last season, those in attendance chose the Schooner executive and committee heads for this coming season. We wish to thank everyone who has committed their time to the club and taken on an executive or committee position. Without the tireless work of volunteers our club could not survive. So, without further adieu, here are your 2018-19 Schooner executive and committee heads.

President - Gordie Cormier
Vice President - Richard Lorway
Treasurer - Lynn Kelly
Secretary - Frances Ford
Draw Master - Cal Thistle
Bar Steward - Kevin Gouthro
Ice Director - Brian Laughlin
Bonspiels - By Committee
Juniors Coordinator - Nadine Neima-Drover
Housekeeping - Georgette Sparkes and Bernadette Cormier
Membership - Julia Cormier
Public Relations - Richard Lorway
Fun Nights - Janet Gallivan and Kathy Gale
Ways and Means - Lynn Kelly
Website - Billy Farr
Newsletter - Billy Farr
Annual Golf Tournament Coordinators - Lynn Kelly and Gary Landry

Tuesday Tarbish

Tuesday nights were rather busy at the club last season with league curling, Chase the Ace and also our regular tarbish game that has been run on Tuesday evening for quite a while now. Curling finished up and Chase the Ace was won but the card games continued during the summer and will continue once again throughout the season. Anyone can come and play, members or guests, and no pre-registration is required. We currently have a good mix of members and non-members who take part each week. This is a single entry game with partners rotating after each game is finished. It's a great way to expand the use of our club and bring some new faces through the door. The card game gets going around 7pm. Join us any Tuesday.

Schooner Golf and BBQ



The 2018 edition of Schooner Golf, held on Saturday, June 23, was a huge success with one of the largest ever number of participants, great weather, a delicious meal and loads of fun. A total of fifteen teams took to the course at Alderdale Greens and a few more people joined us just for dinner. All golfers were presented with a gift bag upon arrival at the course that included a couple of golf balls and tees, a granola bar for energy to finish the round, a bottle of water to stay hydrated and, of course, a package of tissues for those who weren't so successful to dry their tears. The day of golf started out with each team member taking two shots to try and gain points for their respective teams by chipping and/or putting golf balls at a special game board that had a variety of point totals for different openings. The winner of the preliminary event was the foursome of Barb Mercer, Dave Mercer, Helen Leudy and Jason Groves. The nine holes of golf was played

in a scramble format and was won by Gordie Cormier, Brian Laughlin, Bill Farr and Gary Butler with a score of three under par. Along the course there were a few other challenges including best drive for men and women and closest to the hole on a par three for men and women. On the men's side, Russell Fitzgerald had best drive while Robert Black won closest to the hole. On the women's side, Joanne Hunsten won both challenges having both the best drive and coming closest to the hole. A final competition for golfers was setup back at the club where teams were tasked with pitching at a variety of targets in the field next to our parking lot. Again, each player took two shots to try and earn points for their teams. The foursome of Richard Lorway, Bryant Cormier, Lonnie Howe and Ray Smith were the winners of this competition.

After all the golfing and other competitions were complete, everyone was treated to a delicious steak BBQ at the club. There was grilled pepperoni for an appetizer while you waited for your steak to be cooked and there was a great selection of sides to go along with the main course. Dinner was capped off with strawberry shortcake for dessert. When dinner was done there were the prize presentations to our winners and everyone was entered into a bonus prize draw for a free round of golf at the Lingan Golf and Country Club compliments of Lingan's Lonnie Howe. Winners of the draw for these prizes were Gordie Cormier, Bill Farr, Rick Kelly and Matt Nearing. It was a great way to end a fantastic day.

A huge thank you goes out to Lynn Kelly and Gary Landry who organize and run the event, to Brian Laughlin for once again manning the grill and cooking all the steaks, to Frances, Georgette, Joe and Yvonne who helped get things ready for dinner at the club on Saturday and to everyone who showed up for prep on Friday night, to Lonnie Howe for the green fees to Lingan, to the bartenders who provided the means for some of us to drown our sorrows and, last but certainly not least, to everyone who took part, especially those from outside the Schooner membership, and made Schooner Golf 2018 a great day and a huge success. We hope to see you all again next year.

Membership Fees

The Schooner Curling Club membership rates for all categories will remain the same for the 2018-19 season. A full adult membership is only \$220 plus HST (\$253). There are student and full-junior rates set at \$120 plus tax and a Junior or Little Rocker can curl all season for only \$60 plus tax. Visit the Schooner website's membership area for full info and to access a printable or an online application. Online applications are accepted anytime. All members are reminded that your membership fee must be **PAID IN FULL** on or before November 1, 2018. Anyone who has not paid in full will not be permitted to curl until all membership fees are paid. The club works hard to keep membership rates as low as possible and we are a big bargain for a winter full of fun so please pay before the deadline.

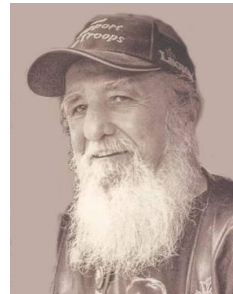
Application forms are available online. You can print out an application to fill it in or you can fill one in online. We will also be accepting payment through interact debit. You can send your payment to schoonertreasurer@gmail.com. We also accept payment at the club in the form of cash, cheque or debit.

Schooner In-Ice Logo



We got some sad news this past summer. Keith Baldwin, the artist who has painted our in-ice logo for the past number of years, passed away after a short illness at the age of 61. Keith's Schooner logos always had a great deal of character and added a lot to the curling sheets they adorned. Keith always did the logo for a very reasonable price as well. Now that Keith is gone, the Schooner executive is trying to find an alternative for the original artwork that he created. We are looking at getting another artist but that may be out of our price range. We are also looking at having an in-ice decal made up that can be reused for a few seasons. Whatever direction we end up going in, a decision will have to be made quickly as ice making is underway and we are close to the time when the decal or artwork would have to be put on the ice. We are open to any suggestions if anyone has an idea or knows of someone who may be able to help us out. Talk to any executive member.

Keith Baldwin was a well known artist and tattooist in the local area and recently painted two community murals in Whitney Pier that will let his memory live on. Rest in Peace Keith Baldwin.



2019 Scotties

The 2019 Scotties is starting to ramp up now that we are almost into another curling season. A big push for volunteers was made in recent months which included an open house held at Center 200 on September 20 that was a big success, garnering many new volunteers. Even though there are already a large number signed on to help out, more volunteers are needed and active recruiting is still underway by Curling Canada and the local organizing committee.

The Schooner executive had a meeting with event manager Jennifer McCandie and her local counterpart, Maddie Kelly, from Curling Canada to get an update on how things were going and what to expect in the coming months. Jennifer reiterated the need for more volunteers and also said they are looking to work with local clubs and organizations to help promote the event. Watch for more information on Schooner club events and prize give-aways in the next few months.

The Club executive has decided that there will be no league curling during the Scotties event so the club can be open to the general public and sponsor some open ice events during that time. The last day of League curling will be on Sunday, February 17, when the Don Cherry's Team Entry will take the ice. League play will resume with the Pepsi Mixed on Monday, February 25th.

Tickets are available for the Scotties now but only full event packages are currently on sale. Mini packages and single draws will be offered at a later date. Full event packages are \$399 plus taxes and fees. Pricing on other packages and single draws are not yet announced.

For more information and up to date news you can visit the Official Scotties 2019 website at <https://www.curling.ca/2019scotties/>

Sewer Line Repair

The club experienced a sewer issue at the very end of last season that forced the cancellation of the final day of the closing spiel as well as the year-end skating party that was scheduled for the next day. After exhausting all possible avenues to do a quick repair including running a snake through the line, video inspections and using a high pressure water stream to try and clear the block, we were advised that it would be best to replace the entire line from the building to the street. The line was old and not in great shape and the only way to be certain we would not have more trouble in the near future would be to go this route. After consulting with our landlords, New Dawn, it was agreed that we would cost share the project and that it would go to tender to find a contractor to do the work. New Dawn ended up assuming 60% of the cost. Schooner member Stephen Leslie was the winning bidder. Stephen had already put in a number of hours of his time investigating and trying to clear the block already.

The municipality was contacted to come and replace the pipe that came to our property line so we would have new pipe to connect us to the sewer main. This caused some delays in the project and we were closed for about three weeks, missing out on Tuesday tarabish and socials and forcing the spring general meeting to be rescheduled. Once the city completed their work, Stephen completed his part of the project in short order, replacing both the sewer and water lines and installing an outside cleanout, moving it from the very cramped furnace room. He also did a great job on repairing



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the parking lot after the lines were installed. Thanks to Stephen for a great job and for all his work in trying to remedy the situation originally, time he wasn't being paid for. Thanks also to everyone else who pitched in. We can once again flush without any worries.

The 3rd annual Schooner Washer Toss Tournament was held on Sunday, August 19th, after being rained out on Saturday. Even though we lost a few teams due to the postponement, there was still a good turn out and we had a great day. Congratulations to our winners, Joel Morris and Norman Morris, and to our runners up, Gordie Cormier and Gary Butler. All participants and guests were treated to a BBQ. Thank you to everyone who helped out with running this great event and thanks to Bernadette Cormier for making the delicious desserts. Hope to see you all back next year.

Most members are familiar with the Schooner website and use it, at the very least, to get curling schedules. It also contains a full calendar of club events and lots of other information. The website is not fancy and is there mainly for internal use by the club members. The club is also using social media like Facebook and Twitter and is followed by some of the members there as well. Social media, while serving the purpose of providing info to members, is also used in hope to bring more attention to the club by the general public. We are using it to advertise events and also to post local and other curling information to try and generate views by non-members. We encourage all members to like us on Facebook and follow us on twitter and to like, re-post, re-tweet, whatever, all of the items the club posts up in order to generate a larger audience and bring us more attention. The more people who are aware of us and our public events, the more successful we will be in general.

Up to this point, the Schooner club has relied on free services for the majority of our online activity. About the only thing we pay for is our web domain, schoonercurlingclub.com, which costs us about \$20 or so per year. The site is hosted for free, social media is free, we use free email and everything is maintained and created by volunteers. Recently, there has been a push for more web security and Google has started to draw more attention to sites that do not use a security certificate called SSL. They are flagging sites more visually now and it will continue to get worse as other browsers and search engines jump on that bandwagon. As a result, the Schooner executive has decided that it is worth a small fee to host our website with the security that will allow us to avoid the unsecure labels that we get now. We are doing this so we don't scare off potential visitors. The cost is minimal, only about \$65 per year. It is more of an image thing for us but it is something we feel it is important to have. Given that still keeps our web costs under \$100 per year, for what we get in return, the convenience for members and the potential exposure to the general public, it's still a pretty good deal. We will also be using GoCapeBreton.com, a locally owned and operated community website, more this season to advertise our events and bring the club itself more into the spotlight. Keep an eye on the Schooner site for links and visit us on GoCapeBreton to see what's going on. And don't forget to like us on Facebook and like and share our posts. Every bit helps.

Opening Spiel and Dance

The Schooner Opening Spiel is scheduled to start on Monday, October 29 and run until Saturday, November 3. There will be no curling on October 31 because of Halloween. This spiel is open to everyone with a cost of \$20 per person. You get three games and can choose to curl in the Monday, Thursday or the Tuesday, Friday division with all teams going head to head on Saturday to decide our winner. There will also be lunch served on Saturday and there will be prizes for all curlers. No curling experience is necessary and all equipment will be provided. It's all about the fun. After Curling on Saturday night there will be a dance with music by DJ Jimmy. Everyone is welcome and there is no cover charge.

Club Upgrades and Improvements

Over the last few years the Schooner executive, with funds raised from Chase the Ace and other events and with the help of some dedicated volunteers, have made a number of upgrades and improvements to the club. They include new tables and chairs for the clubhouse, electrical upgrades for the compressor, new energy efficient LED lighting for the whole club including security lighting outside, a new bar fridge, the sewer line repair and more. There are more club upgrades and improvements that are in the works for this season. There will be a few more plastic folding tables, small square ones, that will be added to replace the aging wooden ones. Part of the money to fund these will come from proceeds of the Schooner Golf Day that was held back in June. There is a plan to install vapor barrier over the opening that exists above the clubhouse section of the building that is open to the ice shed. Hopefully this will help with keeping cold from entering the clubhouse area and moisture from the ice shed. A new vacuum cleaner was recently purchased to help try and keep the dirt from the carpet entering the ice area. This is a 'Henry', a more commercial level machine than the cheaper models we were buying in the past. Ice making is underway and repairs to piping was carried out, sand added to the floor and the dehumidifier has been checked to make sure we don't have a repeat of what happened with it last season. There is a plan to have some protective covers built over the new LED lights on the outside of the building to protect them from snow and ice coming from the roof. We will also be having a fresh coat of wax applied to the floor and the carpets shampooed, both of these items being completed after ice making is finished. One other project that is in the works and will be completed for the coming season will be the addition of two additional heaters in the ice shed. With the change to LED lights out there, the temperature in the shed has dropped a few degrees. These two heaters are nearly new and were donated to us. Stephen Leslie has volunteered to install them with some help from the ice crew. They will run off of our oil heat system, just as the existing two heaters do.

As mentioned, these upgrades, at least for the most part, are made possible by the fundraising that the club does, mainly Chase the Ace. Without the extra money brought in by fundraising we would not be able to complete these extra projects, prices for membership would rise and we would be in much worse shape financially than we are. Please support the clubs fundraising efforts whenever you can. It benefits everyone who uses the Schooner Club.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Schooner Curling Club and we are lucky to have a large number of our members willing and able to give time to make the club run as smoothly as possible. Thank you to everyone who helps out in any way at the club and, a reminder to everyone, now that we are beginning another new season, any time you can give to the club is very much appreciated. Without the help of volunteers, the club could not exist as it does.